

Is Soros funding WikiLeaks?

Julian Assange: Whistleblower or Spy for Moscow?

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Guilty of Espionage



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Julian Assange, WikiLeaks, and Moscow's War Against the U.S.

- Mission: "expose corruption and creating movements for change"
- Member of "International Subversives."
- Convicted hacker (pleaded guilty to 24 counts of hacking). Hacked into MILNET, the U.S. military secret defense data network, in 1991.
- Collaboration with hacker group Anonymous (under FBI investigation).
- Calls Bradley Manning "a hero of democracy and justice," but denies knowing or communicating with Manning.
- Defended by Soros-funded Center for Constitutional Rights.
- Assange attends World Social Forum in 2007, opposed to "neo-liberalism" and capitalism and devoted to "globalizing the resistance."

"Now, in the 21st century, we have WikiLeaks founded by anarchist and anti-imperialist Julian Assange who is driven by a hatred for capitalism and the United States. In the modern age of the Internet, Kalashnikovs and dynamite are no longer necessary to try to overthrow the enemy. Modern technology and outstanding hacking skills allow anarchists to help weaken the United States, the citadel of capitalism." - Yevgeny Bazhanov of the Russian Foreign Ministry's Diplomatic Academy in Moscow.

WikiLeaks Media partners:

Al-Jazeera, Der Spiegel, the Guardian, New York Times

Wau Holland Foundation (Germany) named for Wau Holland, a hacker

This foundation was spawned by Chaos Computer Club and transfers money to WikiLeaks and then to the Bradley Manning Support Network (backed by Communist front and Soros-funded National Lawyers Guild.)

Accused Army traitor and WikiLeaks source Bradley Manning is a cross-dressing homosexual. His White House contact is Shin Inouye, openly gay Director of Specialty Media. Manning claims contact with bisexual on the staff of the Joint Chiefs.

Advisory Board of the Bradley Manning Support Network includes Robert Meeropol, whose parents, communists Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, were executed for giving the secret of the atomic bomb to the Soviet Union.

WikiLeaks personnel: Johannes Wahlstrom, spokesperson, representative in Sweden. Son of Israel Shamir, "notorious anti-Semite and Holocaust denier of Russian-Israeli extraction." Shamir is in charge of "Russian market" for WikiLeaks. Source: Daniel Domscheit-Berg. (Shamir was the source of story that the CIA was behind a Swedish woman's accusation of rape against Julian Assange.)

The Russian Connection

- Assange gives exclusive interview to Russia Today (RT) May 2, 2011. RT later announces it will air a series of interviews conducted by Assange. Promised WikiLeaks revelations about Russia "never panned out."
- Russia has suggested that Julian Assange should be awarded the Nobel peace prize, in an unexpected show of support from Moscow for the jailed WikiLeaks founder. Source: The Guardian. December 9, 2010
- "Moscow supports WikiLeaks now that it's clear the leaks are more embarrassing to Washington." Source: The Atlantic Wire, December 10, 2010

The Soros Connection

Assange is "approached by someone from George Soros's Open Society Institute... we talked about possibly financing our project through the OSI. Julian once told me that the OSI had asked us for a wish list and that we shouldn't be too modest in drawing this up. As far as I know, nothing ever came of this." - *Inside WikiLeaks* by Daniel Domscheit-Berg

Assange's "approaches to billionaire George Soros."
- *WikiLeaks: Inside Julian Assange's War on Secrecy*. The Guardian

The KGB Connection

Assange speaks at Chaos Communication Conference 2007 Berlin
Sponsored by the Chaos Computer Club

- 1989. Club member Karl Koch, West German computer hacker arrested for cyber-espionage activities, including taking material from U.S. military computers and feeding it to the KGB. Koch, who confessed, was later found burnt to death in a forest. Reportedly received drugs and money from the KGB.

Assange speaks at Global Voices / Budapest 2008
Global Voices is supported by Open Society Institute / Knight Foundation / Berkman Center for Internet and Society. Founders: Ethan Zuckerman / Rebecca McKinnon

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By Trevor Loudon, author, *Barack Obama and the Enemies Within*.

Few individuals have dominated the news in the last two years like the Australian-born creator of the international “whistleblowing” website WikiLeaks, Julian Assange.

Few individuals have polarized the U.S. like a diminutive gay soldier named Bradley Manning, allegedly the source of WikiLeaks’s greatest and most damaging coup.

While claiming to be even-handed, interested in exposing corruption and government secrecy, without fear nor favor, wherever it is found, the WikiLeaks phenomenon has mostly benefited anti-American causes and governments – which is why it has been so staunchly defended by the left. Several reports suggest that hedge fund billionaire George Soros, the major financier of leftist and Marxist causes in the U.S. and around the world, has granted funding to WikiLeaks. The reports, however, have not been confirmed. There is no question, however, that Assange sought funding from Soros and has been praised by a Soros representative. (see the page three chart summarizing the background, history and current activities of Assange).

Bradley Manning (allegedly) sparks revolution

In late May 2010, Private First Class Bradley Manning, an intelligence analyst with the U.S. Army in Baghdad, was arrested. He was charged later that year with transferring classified data onto his personal computer, and communicating national defense information to an unauthorized source. One of the charges was "aiding the enemy."

The leaked material is said to have included 251,287 U.S. state department cables—written by 260 embassies and consulates in 180 countries. Overall, it is alleged that more than 700,000 documents were stolen from classified computer systems and published on the Internet.

Manning is currently imprisoned, awaiting a court-martial. He is charged with the most spectacular and damaging leak of classified information in this country’s history. The death penalty was strangely ruled out in his case, but he could still face life in prison.

In 2009 Manning had been assigned to a unit of the 10th Mountain Division, based near Baghdad. There he had access to the Secret Internet Protocol Router Network (SIPRNet), used by the United States government to transmit classified information.

He was arrested after computer hacker Adrian Lamo reported to the FBI that Manning had told him during online chats that he had downloaded SIPRNet material, and passed it to WikiLeaks.

Evidence produced at Manning's preliminary hearing established a direct connection between Manning and Assange. Army digital forensics contractor Mark Johnson said that he found communications between Manning and a chat user named "Julian Assange" on Manning's personal computer and a phone number for Assange in Iceland. Assange had previously denied having any contact with Manning.

Wired magazine reported, "Assange's name was attached to a chat handle 'dawgnetwork@jabber.ccc.de' listed in Manning's buddy list in the Adium chat program on his computer. That Jabber address uses the same domain name allegedly mentioned by Manning in the chat logs that ex-hacker Adrian Lamo gave to the FBI and to Wired.com last year. In that earlier chat log, Manning was making reference to a domain that Assange was known to use."

The publication added, "in Manning's buddy list there was also a second handle, 'pressassociation@jabber.ccc.de,' which had two aliases associated with it: Julian Assange and Nathaniel Frank. CCC.de in the domain refers to the Chaos Computer Club, a hacker club in Germany that operates the Jabber server."

The Washington Post said, "In one [chat log], he [Manning] allegedly asks Assange for help in figuring out a password. In another, he allegedly tells Assange 'i'm throwing everything i've got on' Guantanamo detainee reports 'at you now' and estimates the 'upload is about 36 pct' complete. To which Assange replied, according to the prosecutors' PowerPoint presentation, 'OK ... great.'"

So the evidence demonstrates that Assange and Manning were engaged in what amounts to a conspiracy to steal classified information from U.S. Army computers. This is espionage.

The implications of Manning's alleged crimes are huge.

As Cliff Kincaid of America's Survival, Inc., argued, "Although some of the information released by WikiLeaks was seen as not harmful or just embarrassing to U.S. officials and allies, the controversial website also released classified information about U.S. counter-terrorism operations and the locations of facilities vital to national security and vulnerable to terrorist threat. Such disclosures clearly assisted the enemies of the United States, an official charge being leveled against Manning."

The leaks caused huge embarrassment to the U.S. government and undermined trust with U.S. allies and trading partners on a worldwide basis. *Epoch Times*, quoting U.S. intelligence officials, reported, "WikiLeaks provided every U.S. adversary with intelligence that could have taken years to obtain otherwise."

Gabriel Schoenfeld, a Senior Fellow at Hudson Institute, said, "It is not informing our democracy but waging war on its ability to conduct diplomacy and defend itself. If Mr. Assange were tried before a jury and sent to jail, our security would be enhanced and our cherished freedoms not abridged one whit."

First Amendment attorney Floyd Abrams commented on WikiLeaks releasing details on top-secret facilities, making them vulnerable to terrorist attack, and a document on the internal workings of jammers used by American troops in the Middle East to disable improvised explosive devices. He said, "There was no justification for WikiLeaks' release of a four-page, single-spaced cable, classified as secret, listing facilities around the world, ranging from specified undersea communication lines to a laboratory that makes smallpox vaccine, that the U.S. considers vital to its national security. The same may be said of WikiLeaks' release of a classified report describing the radio-frequency jammers used in Iraq by American soldiers to cut off signals to remotely detonated explosives."

Keith Yost, a columnist for *The Tech*, MIT's oldest and largest newspaper, said, "Assange had published a study that detailed technical vulnerabilities in actively employed U.S. Army countermeasures against improvised explosive devices. There was no conceivable benefit to publishing the information. The Army needed no extra pressure to address the vulnerabilities — it was already desperately searching for new countermeasures to protect its soldiers. The only beneficiaries were insurgents, who, using Assange's gift, could better murder U.S. servicemen."

A hearing on the “Espionage Act and the Legal and Constitutional Issues Raised by WikiLeaks” was held by the House Committee on the Judiciary on December 16, 2010. Representative Louie Gohmert (R - TX) called attention to WikiLeaks releasing confidential military field reports on the war in Afghanistan. “This site released Iraq war-related documents on October 23, 2010,” he said. “Both of these leaks reveal sensitive military information that endanger military troops and may have bolstered our enemy's campaigns against us.”

But Thomas S. Blanton, director of the George Soros-funded National Security Archive at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., warned against “Wikimania” – an alleged overreaction to the leaks.

State Department Legal Adviser Harold Hongju Koh had officially warned an Assange lawyer about the “grave consequences” of what he was doing. (see letter on pages 34 and 35 of this report) On December 2, 2010, U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, and Christopher (Kit) Bond (R-Mo.), then-vice chairman of the committee, went further, sending a letter to Attorney General Eric Holder requesting prosecution of Assange. They said the unauthorized release was “a serious breach of national security and could be used to severely harm the United States and its worldwide interests.”

Assange is reportedly under investigation by the Department of Justice for espionage against the U.S. But is the investigation serious?

In addition to the damage to U.S. foreign policy and our military forces, the leaked data may also have contributed to the revolutionary upsurge seen in the Arab world and even the anarchist/communist-dominated Occupy Wall Street movement that has disrupted cities across the U.S. and which is now planning violence in Chicago in May and at the Republican national convention in Tampa in August.

On October 29, 2011, radical film maker Michael Moore dropped by Occupy San Francisco and he traced the “Occupy” movement back to Bradley Manning in the following way:

“I just want to say something...about who instigated this (Occupy). We owe a lot to the Arab Spring and the Democracy movement...and we owe a lot to that young man in Tunisia, who couldn't take it anymore and set himself on

fire, to make the statement that really ignited this movement. But even before that, what got him upset, what got him politically charged was that he read the truth about the corruption of his own government that was supplied to him by WikiLeaks.

And where did WikiLeaks get that information from ...allegedly, from a young private, a gay soldier by the name of Bradley Manning....After doing a very brave thing, that when you draw the connecting lines from A to B to C, we're here in part today, because of his courage...and we must not forget that.”[1]

Moore elaborated in a blog post he wrote on December 17, 2011, entitled “A Man in Tunisia, a Movement on Wall Street, and the Soldier who Lit the Fuse”:

One year ago today (December 17th), Mohamed Bouazizi, a man who had a simple produce stand in Tunisia, set himself on fire to protest his government's repression. His singular sacrifice ignited a revolution that toppled Tunisia's dictator and launched revolts in regimes across the Middle East.

Three months ago today, Occupy Wall Street began with a takeover of New York's Zuccotti Park. This movement against the greed of corporate America and its banks -- and the money that now controls most of our democratic institutions -- has quickly spread to hundreds of towns and cities across America. The majority of Americans now agree that a nation where 400 billionaires have more wealth than 160 million Americans combined is not the country they want America to be. The 99% are rising up against the 1% -- and now there is no turning back.

Twenty-four years ago today, U.S. Army Spc. Bradley Manning was born. He has now spent 570 days in a military prison without a trial -- simply because he allegedly blew the whistle on the illegal and immoral war in Iraq. He exposed what the Pentagon and the Bush administration did in creating this evil and he did so by allegedly leaking documents and footage to Wikileaks. Many of these documents dealt not only with Iraq but with how we prop up

dictators around the world and how our corporations exploit the poor on this planet...

The WikiLeaks trove was a fascinating look into how the United States conducts its business -- and clearly those who don't want the world to know how we do things in places like, say, Tunisia, were not happy with Bradley Manning.

Mohamed Bouazizi was being treated poorly by government officials because all he wanted to do was set up a cart and sell fruit and vegetables on the street. But local police kept harassing him and trying to stop him. He, like most Tunisians, knew how corrupt their government was. But when Wikileaks published cables from the U.S. ambassador in Tunis confirming the corruption -- cables that were published just a week or so before Mohamed set himself on fire -- well, that was it for the Tunisian people, and all hell broke loose.

People across the world devoured the information Bradley Manning revealed, and it was used by movements in Egypt, Spain, and eventually Occupy Wall Street to bolster what we already thought was true. Except here were the goods -- the evidence that was needed to prove it all true. And then a democracy movement spread around the globe so fast and so deep -- and in just a year's time! When anyone asks me, "Who started Occupy Wall Street?" sometimes I say "Goldman Sachs" or "Chase" but mostly I just say, "Bradley Manning." It was his courageous action that was the tipping point -- and it was not surprising when the dictator of Tunisia censored all news of the Wikileaks documents Manning had allegedly supplied. But the internet took Manning's gift and spread it throughout Tunisia, a young man set himself on fire and the Arab Spring that led eventually to Zuccotti Park has a young, gay soldier in the United States Army to thank.

And that is why I want to honor Bradley Manning on this, his 24th birthday, and ask the millions of you reading this to join with me in demanding his immediate release. He does not deserve the un-American treatment, including cruel solitary confinement; he's received in over eighteen months of imprisonment. If anything, this young man deserves a friggin'

medal. He did what great Americans have always done -- he took a bold stand against injustice and he did it without stopping for a minute to consider the consequences for himself.

The Pentagon and the national security apparatus are hell-bent on setting an example with Bradley Manning. But we as Americans have a right to know what is being done in our name and with our tax dollars. If the government tries to cover up its malfeasance, then it is the duty of each and every one of us, should the situation arise, to drag the truth, kicking and screaming if necessary, into the light of day.

The American flag was lowered in Iraq this past Thursday as our war on them officially came to an end. If anyone should be on trial or in the brig right now, it should be those men who lied to the nation in order to start this war -- and in doing so sent nearly 4,500 Americans and hundreds of thousands of Iraqis to their deaths.

But it is not Bush or Rumsfeld or Cheney or Wolfowitz who sit in prison tonight. It is the hero who exposed them. It is Bradley Manning who has lost his freedom and that, in turn, becomes just one more crime being committed in our name.

But in the spirit of the man whose birth will be celebrated next Sunday, please do something, anything, to help this young man who spends his birthday tonight behind bars. I say, enough. Let him go home and spend Christmas with his family. We've done enough violence to the world this decade while claiming to be a country that admires the Prince of Peace. The war is over. And a whole new movement has a lot to thank Bradley Manning for. [2]

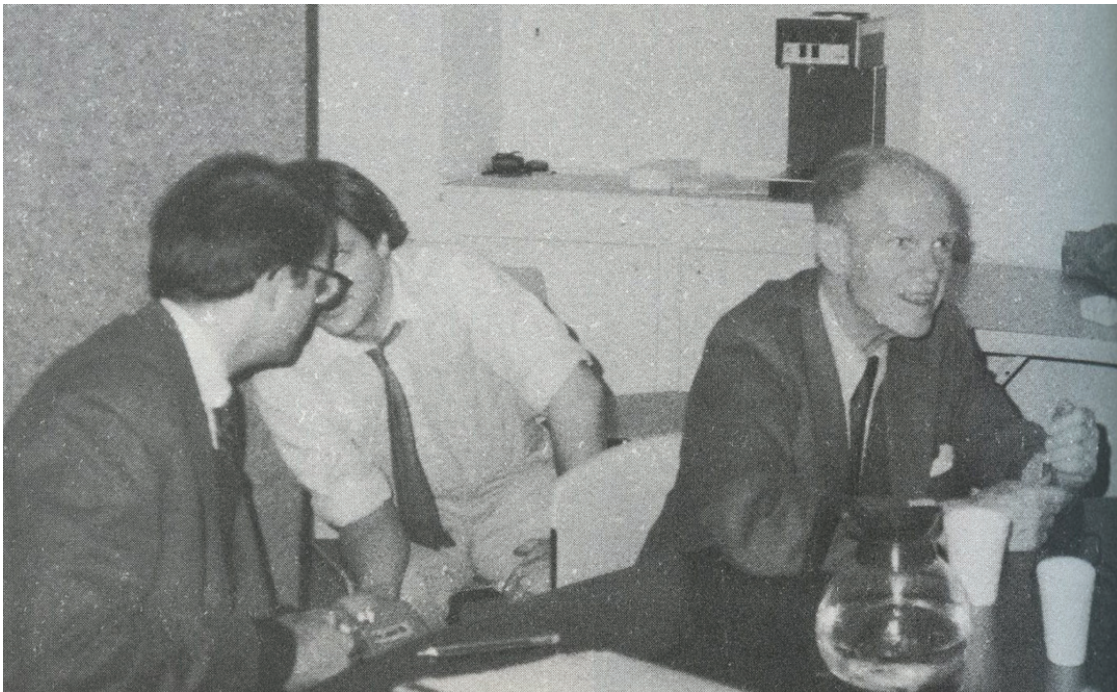
IPS and Bradley Manning's Far-Left Support Network

It is no coincidence that many "Occupy" people pay homage to Bradley Manning and to WikiLeaks. Occupy, Bradley Manning and WikiLeaks all draw support from the same far-left anti-U.S. networks.

The most organized center of Manning support activity is the Bradley Manning Support Network. This network raises money for Manning's legal defense, publicizes his case, and helps organize

protests around the country in support of his cause. Virtually all of the key supporters listed on the group's website have ties to the far left and/or a history of anti-US propaganda activities – even including promoting the “9/11 was an inside job” disinformation meme.

Some even have ties to the far left Washington D.C. based “think tank,” the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS), once described in a 1978 *National Review* article by Brian Crozier, of the London-based Institute for the Study of Conflict, as the “perfect intellectual front for Soviet activities which would be resisted if they were to originate openly from the KGB.” In the 1980s, the IPS held conferences with Soviet entities considered fronts for communist intelligence activities. Convicted Soviet spy Alger Hiss spoke at the IPS in 1984. Assassinated Cuban agent Orlando Letelier worked under the cover of IPS, while CIA defector Philip Agee, a Soviet and Cuban agent, was assisted by the IPS Transnational Institute.



Soviet spy Alger Hiss, the United Nations founder and a former U.S. State Department official, spoke at the IPS on March 23, 1984. IPS regards him as innocent and launched a series of “Alger Hiss lectures” in 2002, after receiving a bequest from the estate of Alger and Isabel Johnson Hiss. (photo from the book, Covert Cadre).

Several are also connected with Movement for a Democratic Society, which was founded in 2006 as a support group for the re-born campus

radical group, the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS). Movement for a Democratic Society was initially led by several former leaders of the 1970s terrorist group, the Weather Underground, plus several former SDS leaders and activists with the Committees of Correspondence for Democracy and Socialism – a spinoff of the Communist Party USA, the Communist Party itself. Democratic Socialists of America (DSA), and the Institute for Policy Studies.

Many members of these groups have historical ties to the old Soviet Union, or its still existing front organizations, such as the World Peace Council, World Federation of Trade Unions, or the international Association of Democratic Lawyers. All of these groups still exist and are still controlled by a resurgent international communist movement.

Dozens of Communist Party members have been involved in espionage over the decades. DSA leader Kurt Stand and his Committees of Correspondence member former wife Teresa Squillacote were convicted of spying for East Germany.

- Key Bradley Manning Support Network supporters listed on the organization's website include:

Professor Noam Chomsky - Massachusetts Institute of Technology linguist and long-time leftist activist. Professor Chomsky tends to portray himself as an anarchist, but has been active in two Marxist organizations – the Boston local of Democratic Socialists of America, and as a member of the Advisory Board of Committees of Correspondence for Democracy and Socialism. He is also a long-time affiliate of the Institute for Policy Studies and a relentless critic of U.S. foreign policy since the 1970's.

In 2006 Chomsky joined the board of Movement for a Democratic Society, where he served with Bernardine Dohrn and Mark Rudd of the Weather Underground, Communist Party-affiliated writer Gerald Horne, former SDS leaders Carl Davidson, Tom Hayden. Mike James and Mike Klonsky and former Communist Party members Charlene Mitchell and prominent radical historian (and exposed Communist Party member) Howard Zinn.

Noam Chomsky has close ties to Venezuela and its Marxist, Russian-allied leader Hugo Chavez.

Medea Benjamin/CODEPINK – As a cofounder of both CODEPINK (a partner organization of the Institute for Policy Studies) and Global Exchange, which facilitates visits to Cuba, Benjamin “has been a tireless advocate for social justice for more than 20 years.” Described as “one of America’s most committed -- and most effective -- fighters for human rights” by New York Newsday, and called “one of the high profile leaders of the peace movement” by the Los Angeles Times, Benjamin has distinguished herself as an energetic leader of the “progressive” movement.

Benjamin serves on the board of Progressive Democrats of America, an organization with strong Institute for Policy Studies and Democratic Socialists of America ties. In 1992 she endorsed the founding of the CPUSA spinoff Committees of Correspondence and served on a panel at the organization’s 2002 conference in San Francisco.

Benjamin is also a “9/11 truther,” having signed an October 26, 2004 statement circulated by 911Truth.org calling on the U.S. Government to investigate 9/11 as a possible “inside job”. This petition was signed by several IPS and DSA affiliates, plus communist activist Van Jones. This signature later played a role in Jones’ 2009 forced resignation from his White House job as President Obama’s “Green Jobs Czar.”

Bradley Manning Support Network Advisory Board member Medea Benjamin says: “Democracy needs whistle-blowers and peace activists need Bradley Manning. We must honor his courage by turning these leaks into a tsunami of support for him and pressure on our elected officials to end the wars”.

Daniel Ellsberg. The famed Pentagon Papers leaker was, until WikiLeaks, the source of the most damaging release of defense-related documents in U.S. history. A Senior Fellow of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, Ellsberg supports the “mission to ensure a fair trial” for Manning. A former marine and Iraq Veterans Against the War Advisory Board Member, Ellsberg is a Harvard-educated author, lecturer, activist and author of *Papers on the War, and Secrets: A Memoir of Vietnam and the Pentagon Papers*. Ellsberg calls Manning “a new hero of mine” and is a member of the Bradley Manning Support Network Advisory Board.

A lifelong radical, Daniel Ellsberg first met Howard Zinn at Faneuil Hall in Boston in early 1971, where they both spoke against the indictments of Institute for Policy Studies activist Eqbal Ahmad for “conspiring to kidnap

Henry Kissinger.” In 2010 Ellsberg was listed as an endorser of the Democratic Socialists of America-controlled Campaign for Peace and Democracy.

The chair of the Nuclear Age peace foundation board is Richard Falk, a long time Institute for Policy Studies affiliate and yet another “9/11 truth” petition signer. One listed associate is Lawrence Wittner , a leading Democratic Socialists of America member, while another DSAer Stanley Sheinbaum serves on the organization’s advisory council, as does IPS trustee and actor Harry Belafonte and Los Angeles DSA affiliate Blasé Bonpane.

In 1976, Ellsberg was a founding sponsor of the IPS-created socialist journal *In These Times*. In 2010 Ellsberg is listed as an endorser of the Democratic Socialists of America-controlled Campaign for Peace and Democracy.

In 2008, Ellsberg was also an endorser of Progressives for Obama, which was formed by three Movement for a Democratic Society board members Tom Hayden (IPS affiliate), Bill Fletcher, Jr. (IPS affiliate and DSA member), and Barbara Ehrenreich (IPS affiliate and DSA member) and radical actor/activist Danny Glover.

Former Senator Mike Gravel (D-Alaska, 1969-1981) Though a nominal Libertarian in recent years, Gravel has long allied himself with the far- left.

Gravel says:

Bradley Manning has displayed intellect and courage far beyond his years. He has demonstrated sensitivity to the needs of our Democracy: informing the American public of the actual goings-on within the military at war. How else will voters influence their representatives? His conduct properly embarrasses our political and military leadership from the president on down. Any punishment for his actions underscores that embarrassment.

When Gravel helped Daniel Ellsberg release the highly damaging Pentagon Papers in 1971, he did so with the help of the Institute for Policy Studies.

While defending himself against government charges over the leaked Pentagon papers, Daniel Ellsberg followed the recommendation of the Institute for Policy Studies and others, and hired communist lawyer Leonard Boudin as his legal counsel. Boudin was the father of Weather Underground terrorist Kathy Boudin.

Leonard Boudin's grandson, Chesa Boudin, was raised by former Weather Underground leaders Bill Ayers and Bernadine Dohrn, while his terrorist parents Kathy Boudin and David Gilbert went to prison for their role in the murderous Brinks robbery of 1981.

Leonard Boudin's advice was that Ellsberg's best defense would be through the legislative immunity of a congressman disclosing the papers. IPS felt that Mike Gravel of Alaska was a likely candidate, for he was a co-sponsor of the McGovern - Hatfield "end the war" amendment. Mark Hatfield, a far left Republican from Oregon, was also an IPS affiliate. Ellsberg contacted then Senator Gravel and offered him the papers for the anti-draft filibuster he planned for June 30, 1971.

On the night of June 29, 1971, Senator Gravel, as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Buildings and Grounds of the Senate Public Works Committee, convened a meeting of the subcommittee and there read extensively from a copy of the Pentagon Papers. He then placed the entire 47 volumes of the study in the public record. IPS fellow Leonard Rodberg had been added to the Senator's staff earlier in the day and assisted Gravel in preparing for and conducting the hearing. Some weeks later there were press reports that Gravel had arranged for the papers to be published by Beacon.

Gravel had contacted Rodberg through journalist and IPS associate Paul Jacobs.

As recently as October 27, 2007, Mike Gravel addressed a United for Peace and Justice, anti-war rally near Orlando, Florida. Fellow speakers included Michael Albert, the activist-author of *Remembering Tomorrow: From SDS to Life After Capitalism*, Matt De Vlieger of Students for a Democratic Society, Clifton Hicks of Iraq Veterans Against the War, Communist Party USA- affiliated Jesse Kern of Veterans for Peace, and Lydia Vickers of Code Pink.

IRAQ Veterans Against the War is led by Jose Vasquez, a Bradley Manning Support Network Advisory Board member with close ties to the

neo-Trotskyist International Socialist Organization. It is served by an Advisory Committee that includes Washington D.C. Iraqi American activist Andy Shallal (an IPS Trustee); Ann Wright, a former U.S. Army colonel and Bradley Manning Support Network Advisory Board member; Anthony Arrove, the editor, with Howard Zinn, of *Voices of a People's History of the United States*, a signatory to a petitions defending former Weather Underground terrorist Bill Ayers, and a member of the International Socialist Organization; Pentagon Papers leaker Daniel Ellsberg; IPS fellow and former Maoist radical Phyllis Bennis; and Ward Reilly, of Veterans for Peace, and an organizer of the "Occupy DC" movement.



Ray McGovern is a retired CIA officer and outspoken political activist on intelligence and war issues. A member of the Bradley Manning Support Network's Advisory Board, he signed the 2004 statement circulated by 911Truth.org calling on the U.S. Government to investigate the 9/11 possible "inside job" theory.

The Military Law Task Force of the National Lawyers Guild is a network of attorneys, law students, and legal workers concerned with the rights of service members and veterans. The Task Force assists soldiers and vets who oppose the war in Afghanistan and the continuing occupation of Iraq. It provides legal support for military resisters, conscientious objectors and dissidents, and for the "victims of

oppressive military practices and policies.” In addition, the Task Force offers information and advocacy for students and families protesting the militarization of their schools, communities and culture. Its parent organization, the National Lawyers Guild, was founded in 1937 by the Communist Party USA, and remains affiliated to the old time Soviet front, the International Association of Democratic Lawyers, to this day.

Michael Moore is the Director and Producer of four of the top nine highest-grossing documentaries of all time. His films include the anti-gun “Bowling for Columbine;” “Fahrenheit 9/11,” which contends that American corporate media were “cheerleaders” for the 2003 invasion of Iraq; “SiCKO,” which extols the benefits of socialized medicine and the Cuban health system, and the militantly anti-capitalist “Capitalism: A Love Story”.

On August 20, 2010, Moore told the Associated Press that he will contribute \$5,000 to Bradley Manning’s defense. “He did a courageous thing and he did a patriotic thing,” Moore said. Moore is a member of the Bradley Manning Support Network Advisory Board.

Movement for a Democratic Society. This organization describes itself as “a global association of people on the left. It seeks to create a sustained community of educational and political concern and actions: one bringing together liberals and radicals, activists and scholars, students, faculty and workers in all trades. It maintains a vision of a democratic society, where at all levels the people have control of the decisions which affect them and the resources on which they are dependent. It seeks relevance through the continual focus on realities and on the programs necessary to effect change at the most basic levels of economic, political, and social organization. It feels the urgency to put forth a radical, democratic program counter-posed to authoritarian movements. Movement for a Democratic Society (MDS) supports Bradley Manning!”

Socialist Alternative, a Trotskyist splinter from the International Socialist Organization, “works in coalition with others to fight for social, economic and environmental justice, while aiming to get at the root cause of the world’s problems – the capitalist system. They salute Bradley Manning for the courageous stand he has taken!”

United for Peace and Justice, is a “coalition of more than 1400 local and national groups throughout the United States who have joined together to protest the immoral and disastrous Iraq War and oppose our

government's policy of permanent warfare and empire-building." United for Peace and Justice was created by the Institute for Policy Studies, and is led largely by members of the Communist Party USA, Democratic Socialists of America, and Committees of Correspondence for Democracy and Socialism.

The World Can't Wait "organizes people living in the United States to repudiate and stop the fascist direction initiated by the Bush Regime, including: the murderous, unjust and illegitimate occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan; the global "war of terror" of torture, rendition and spying; and the culture of bigotry, intolerance and greed." It is a front for the militant Maoists of the Revolutionary Communist Party.

- **Bradley Manning Support Network Steering Committee/ Leaders.** Bradley Manning Support Network Steering Committee members, as of January 2012 were:

Gerry Condon, national co-chair of the Veterans for Peace GI Resistance Working Group.

In 1968, while in the U.S. Army Special Forces, Condon began to speak out against the Vietnam War and to refuse all military orders. The U.S. Army then ordered him to deploy to Vietnam and Condon refused. Condon was court-martialed and sentenced to ten years in prison and a Dishonourable Discharge. But he escaped from Fort Bragg, North Carolina and from the United States, initially going to Montreal, Quebec and then heading to Europe.

Condon travelled around Europe as a liaison for the Stockholm exiles, meeting with American deserters and draft resisters in Paris and London, as well as with European activists who were assisting GI resisters in Germany, the Netherlands and Denmark. Gerry represented the American Deserters Committee at the Stockholm International Conference to End the War in Vietnam and at the Paris International Conference on Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. He met several times with representatives of the North Vietnamese communist government. Gerry Condon represented the American Deserters Committee at the Stockholm International Conference to End the War in Vietnam and at the Paris International Conference on Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. He also met several times with representatives of the communist North Vietnamese government.

In 1976 Gerry Condon, on behalf of the draft dodger/ amnesty group National Council for Universal and Unconditional Amnesty, attended the Weather Underground and Prairie Fire Organizing Committee organized Hard Times Conference Jan 30 - Feb 1 at the University of Chicago. In 1983-84, Condon organized the first two delegations of U.S. military veterans to Marxist controlled Nicaragua. He served as director of the Veterans Peace Action Teams, which worked in the war zones of Nicaragua, rebuilding schools and medical clinics that had been destroyed by the U.S.-backed "Contras." Also he was the national coordinator of the Veterans Peace Convoy to Nicaragua in 1987. In the 1990's, Condon worked with Communist Party USA front Pastors For Peace to organize humanitarian aid caravans to Central America and Cuba, challenging U.S. policy throughout the region.

In a recent article in *On Watch*, the newsletter of the Military Law Task Force of the National Lawyers Guild, Gerry Condon wrote that it is time to consider building a movement for amnesty for all war resisters, while bringing more legal, political and material resources to support GI resisters.

Bob Meola, a member of War Resisters League National Committee, has been a radical involved in "struggles for peace and justice" since the 60s. He has worked to end the U.S. wars in Vietnam, Central America, and everywhere else since then and has been an organizer and peace and justice and anti-draft and anti-nuclear activist. Meola realized he was an anarchist when he "realized his communist comrades had forgotten about Marx's withering away of the state." Meola has been a draft counsellor, veterans' counsellor and volunteer on the G.I. Rights Hotline, and is a Commissioner and immediate past Chairperson of the Berkeley Peace and Justice Commission in Berkeley, California.

He believes that mass desertion by U.S. troops would be a good way to end the "immoral and illegal wars of the United States in Iraq and in Afghanistan."

In the 1960s Meola was a Students for a Democratic Society activist, and contemporary of Bill Ayers at Michigan State University. In recent years he has worked with Ayers and Dohrn as an organizer for Movement for a Democratic Society

In the first action of its type during the current U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Berkeley City Council on March 9, 2010, passed a resolution entitled, "Universal and Unconditional Amnesty for Iraq,

Afghanistan, and Pakistan War Military Resisters and Veterans Who Acted In Opposition to the War for Matters of Conscience...”

Bob Meola wrote the original draft of the resolution.

Jeff Paterson, project director of Courage to Resist Courage, an Oakland-based organization dedicated to supporting GI war resisters and conscientious objectors. In August 1990, Marine artilleryman Corporal Jeff Paterson became the first U.S. soldier to refuse to fight in Iraq. Paterson has close ties, to the very radical Occupy Oakland.

Loraine Reitman, a privacy advocate from San Diego, works closely with another Bradley Manning supporter, Marjorie Cohn, a former National Lawyers Guild president. Cohen’s latest book *Rules of Disengagement: The Politics and Honor of Military Dissent*, was written with Bradley Manning Support Network Advisory board member Kathleen Gilberd. Marjorie Cohn also serves as deputy secretary general of the Bureau of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers, once a bona fide Soviet front and now an international alliance of communist-affiliated lawyers and jurists.

Kevin Zeese is co-founder and executive director of Voters for Peace. A lawyer from Baltimore, Maryland, Zeese’s recent organizing efforts include the Sounds of Resistance concert and anti-Bank of America and Stop These Wars/Expose the Lies/Free Bradley Manning campaigns.

He is the co-director of ItsOurEconomy.us, the director of ComeHomeAmerica.us, and sits on the boards of Velvet Revolution and Common Sense for Drug Policy. The director of ComeHomeAmerica.us, he also sits on the boards of Velvet Revolution and Common Sense for Drug Policy and is a key organizer of “Occupy DC”.

The Rosenberg Connection

Another key Bradley Manning Support Network Advisory Board member is Robert Meeropol, executive director of the Rosenberg Fund for Children.

Robert and brother Mike Meeropol are the orphans of convicted Soviet Atom bomb spies, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. Adopted into a communist family after the execution of their parents, the Meeropol boys have both been lifelong leftist activists.

**Son of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg:
"My Parents Were Executed Under the
Unconstitutional Espionage Act —
Here's Why We Must Fight to Protect
Julian Assange"**



December 30, 2010 | Story

As the U.S. Department of Justice considers charging WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange under the Espionage Act of 1917, we speak with Robert Meeropol, the son of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg — the only U.S. citizens to be executed under the Espionage Act, in what's been described as the most controversial death sentence in U.S. history. This week, Meeropol released a widely read statement in support of WikiLeaks called, "My Parents Were Executed Under the Unconstitutional Espionage Act—Here's Why We Must Fight to Protect Julian Assange." [includes rush transcript]

Michael Meeropol is a leading member of the Movement for a Democratic Society; Robert Meeropol is also close to the organization. Robert Meeropol's organization aims to help children of "targeted activists" in the progressive movements. Its Advisory board includes Leonard Peltier, an American Indian activist in jail for life for the murder of two FBI agents; two DSA members – Richard Healey and Ed Asner (another "9/11 Truth" petition signer); Committees of Correspondence members Pete Seeger and Angela Davis (also a Movement for a Democratic Society founder); and long-time leftist legal activist Michael Ratner of the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR).

The New York-based Center for Constitutional Rights is the main legal connection between WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange and lawyers representing Bradley Manning.

Michael Ratner is president emeritus of the Center for Constitutional Rights and president of the European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights. He was one of the first U.S. attorneys to represent Guantánamo detainees and has been actively involved in the Bradley Manning case. [3]

Ratner is also a past president of the National Lawyers Guild and the author of numerous books and articles, including the books *Against War with Iraq* and *Guantanamo: What the World Should Know*,

Ratner has worked for the Bureau des Avocats Internationaux; a public interest law office located in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, which is run by Haitian

lawyer Mario Joseph, a member of the governing bureau of the old communist front International Association of Democratic Lawyers.

In 2006 he received the Letelier-Moffit award from the Institute for Policy Studies on behalf of the Center for Constitutional Rights. The award is named after the assassinated Cuban intelligence agent Orlando Letelier.

On the morning of December 17, 2011, the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR), representing Julian Assange, appealed a military court decision yesterday that denied guaranteed access by Assange and WikiLeaks' counsel to the proceedings against Bradley Manning at Ft. Meade, Maryland. The Center argued that reserved access was essential to monitor these controversial hearings and protect their clients' substantial interests in the conduct and content of the proceedings.

The Assange and WikiLeaks legal team at Ft. Meade consists of CCR cooperating counsel Amy Jacobsen, who has the highest level of Top Secret security clearance and claimed a right to observe even closed portions of the hearing, and Assange's Australian attorney, Jennifer Robinson, who travelled from London to monitor the proceedings on behalf of WikiLeaks.

CCR Legal Director Baher Azmy said, "The proceedings against Bradley Manning at Ft. Meade are more restrictive than those at Guantanamo. As counsel for WikiLeaks and Julian Assange, we have a compelling interest in monitoring the hearing given both that Manning stands accused of providing evidence of war crimes to our clients, and that the proceedings are clearly closely linked to a grand jury in Virginia reported to be issuing subpoenas for information on our clients. It's outrageous that we are being denied guaranteed access, yet utterly consistent with the way the government has conducted itself throughout Manning's prosecution." [4]

The Center for Constitutional Rights merged with the National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee in 1998.

The National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee was founded in 1951 by the Communist Party USA as an alleged alternative civil rights advocate group to the American Civil Liberties Union. In reality, it was designed as a CPUSA-directed legal attack mechanism aimed at America's national security program. The NECLC did not require an oath denouncing Communism, which the group believed the ACLU required.

The Center for Constitutional Rights (originally called the Law Center for Constitutional Rights) was founded in November 1966 by attorneys Morton Stavis, Arthur Kinoy, Ben Smith and William Kunstler, Stavis was an identified member of the Communist Party USA, Kinoy was later a leader of the Communist Party offshoot Committees of Correspondence, and Kunstler was a far leftist who attended the Weather Underground organized “Hard Times” conference in Chicago in February 1976. Communist Party-affiliated Robert Boehm, who worked with the CCR from its inception, was said to have been “instrumental in the effort to turn the vision of the founders into a reality.” Peter Weiss became part of CCR early in its history. He was, and still is, a mainstay of the Institute for Policy Studies.

The CCR is today heavily funded by the Open Society Institute/foundations of George Soros.

Communist Support for Julian Assange and WikiLeaks

Australian born Julian Assange was raised by Melbourne-based leftists. The Melbourne left, particularly the pro- Chinese Communist Party of Australia –Marxist Leninist, has championed Assange. It issued this June 2009 statement [5]:

Julian Assange and WikiLeaks have performed a huge service to the people of the world by providing a platform for the publication of information that our rulers want kept from us.

Information released to date substantiates US war crimes in Iraq and Afghanistan, the existence of death squads and corruption in Kenya, of crony capitalism and speculative manipulation behind the financial collapse of Iceland and of unethical behaviour on the part of Sarah Palin...

Calls for Assange’s assassination by US Senators and media shock jocks show the latent fascism that resides in the belly of the beast.

Attempts are made to first discredit and then to destroy Assange. US imperialism cannot allow him to be a popular martyr. So allegations of rape are brought against him by two women who are closely connected through their work for

anti-Cuban organisations in Sweden. The allegations are really of minor sexual misconduct, but the smear is to label Assange a “rapist” in order to dissipate support for him and discredit WikiLeaks.

The key issue here is Assange’s challenge to US imperialism’s control of information about the actions of governments and corporations and how they control, bully, subvert, intimidate, murder and lie...

The CPA (M-L) submits that real and enforceable human rights for the majority of Australians will only become operative with the winning of genuine national independence from imperialism, and the ending of the capitalist system with its right to rule vested in the handful of the super-rich and powerful corporations and protected by bourgeois law.

Hands off Assange and WikiLeaks!

Defend the right to know!

No to imperialist control of information!

Julian Assange himself hung around the Australian anarchist scene. He was militantly anti-capitalist, but without explicit Marxist baggage.

However, WikiLeaks has its roots in an influential 1990s discussion group, the Cypherpunk mailing list. “Cypherpunk,” formed from the words “cipher”, or code, and “cyberpunk”, a science fiction genre full of rogue hackers fighting corporate tyrants, indicates the members’ loose ideology -- which the anonymity and security provided by computerized cryptography (“crypto”) could create a new society free from coercion, a system known as crypto-anarchy:

Many of us see strong crypto as the key enabling technology for a new economic and social system, a system which will develop as cyberspace becomes more important. A system which dispenses with national boundaries, which is based on voluntary (even if anonymous) free trade. At issue is the end of governments as we know them today... Strong crypto permits unbreakable encryption, unforgeable signatures, untraceable electronic messages, and unlinkable

pseudonymous identities. This ensures that some transactions and communications can be entered into only voluntarily. External force, law, and regulation cannot be applied. This is "anarchy," in the sense of no outside rulers and laws.

Assange laid the philosophical groundwork for WikiLeaks when he replied to "Assassination Politics" in his State and Terrorist Conspiracies:

How can we reduce the ability of a conspiracy to act? ... We can split the conspiracy, reduce or eliminating important communication between a few high weight links or many low weight links. Traditional attacks on conspiratorial power groupings, such as assassination, have cut high weight links by killing, kidnapping, blackmailing or otherwise marginalizing or isolating some of the conspirators they were connected to... The more secretive or unjust an organization is, the more leaks induce fear and paranoia in its leadership and planning coterie. This must result in minimization of efficient internal communications mechanisms (an increase in cognitive "secrecy tax") and consequent system-wide cognitive decline resulting in decreased ability to hold onto power as the environment demands adaptation. Hence in a world where leaking is easy, secretive or unjust systems are nonlinearly hit relative to open, just

Wikileaks went public in January 2007. The website stated vaguely that it was "founded by Chinese dissidents, journalists, mathematicians and start-up company technologists from the US, Taiwan, Europe, Australia and South Africa." Assange described himself merely as a member of the site's advisory board and was later referred to as the founder. With a budget of £175,000 a year, the site relied on small donations, with free legal support donated by media organizations such as the Associated Press, the Los Angeles Times and the National Newspaper Publishers Association.

Assange claims submissions are vetted, and attempts are made to investigate leakers' bona fides. Asked who gets the final call, he replied: "Me, actually. I'm the final decision if the document is legit."

Assange's inspiration for Wikileaks allegedly came from one of the most notorious leakers of all.

It was in 1969 that Daniel Ellsberg, a "disillusioned military analyst," made copies of the U.S. defense department's official history of the Vietnam War. But the so-called "Pentagon Papers" hit the presses two years after Ellsberg got them. "As a leak, it's almost an example of what not to do," Assange said. "By the time he got the info out, it was of little political consequence."

Assange was determined not to make Ellsberg's mistakes.

Russia Today Hires Julian Assange

If any confirmation was needed that the international left backs WikiLeaks, the news that Julian Assange was being hired by state-owned Russia Today (RT) television, should have eliminated all doubt.



The image is a screenshot of a news article on the RT website. At the top left is the RT logo. To its right is the slogan "QUESTION MORE." Below this are three buttons: "ON AIR" (orange), "Where to Watch" (blue), and "Schedule" (blue). A search bar with the text "Search RT" is on the right. A navigation menu below the header includes "News", "Top Videos", "Programs", "Politics", "USA", "Business", "Sport", "Art&Culture", "All about Russia", and "Learn Russian". The article's breadcrumb trail is "Home > News > Exclusive TV series hosted by Julian Assange to premiere on RT in March". The main headline is "Exclusive TV series hosted by Julian Assange to premiere on RT in March". Below the headline, it says "Published: 25 January, 2012, 10:57" and "Edited: 25 January, 2012, 21:40". To the right of the publication info are links for "Get short URL", "email story to a friend", and "print version". The main image is a video frame showing a man in a suit and tie speaking. A lower-third graphic reads "LIVE 13 01 GMT RT ASSANGE TO QUESTION MORE". Below that, it says "NEWS TO BE BROADCAST ON RT. PRESIDENT OBAMA".

According to Christian Science monitor Moscow correspondent Fred Weir, Kremlin-funded media outlet Russia Today hired Assange, despite the fact that Assange remains under house arrest in Britain, awaiting a

Supreme Court decision on his extradition to Sweden to face sexual assault allegations.

According to Weir:

WikiLeaks founder and controversy magnet Julian Assange has been driven off the Internet, deprived of funding and placed under house arrest. Now he will get his chance to strike back, courtesy of the Kremlin.

Starting in March, Mr. Assange will host a 10-part series of interview programs with “key political players, thinkers and revolutionaries” on Russia Today (RT), a state-funded English-language satellite news network which claims to reach more than 85 million viewers in the US alone.

According to a statement on his website, the new Assange series will explore the “upheavals and revolutions” that are shaking the Middle East and expose how “the deterioration of the rule of law has demonstrated the bankruptcy of once leading political institutions and ideologies in the West.”

Assange said in a statement published on his website:

Through this series I will explore the possibilities for our future in conversations with those who are shaping it... Are we heading towards utopia, or dystopia and how we can set our paths? This is an exciting opportunity to discuss the vision of my guests in a new style of show that examines their philosophies and struggles in a deeper and clearer way than has been done before.

According to Fred Weir, the Kremlin should be very pleased with this coup:

The network says the series could reach as many as 600 million viewers worldwide.

The six-year-old Russia Today, which seems far better funded than most media these days, has battled accusations that it is a Kremlin vanity project since its inception.

The station tends to tiptoe gingerly around the controversies of Russian politics, but aggressively applies its own slogan – “Question More” – in its coverage of Western affairs and particularly the global role of the US.

In 2010 it opened a full-time US TV channel, RT America, which produces independent content on US politics and economics from what it calls an alternative – critics say anti-American – point of view.

Hiring Assange would seem a perfect fit for RT. Worries that WikiLeaks might dump a lot of embarrassing material about the Russian government into Internet never panned out.

However, the thousands of US diplomatic cables that it did release proved to be the gift-that-keeps-on-giving for critics and rivals of Washington, including the Kremlin.

“We liked a lot of the WikiLeaks revelations. It was very much in sync with what Russia Today has been reporting about the Arab Spring, and about the duplicitous policies of the US and its allies all along,” says Peter Lavelle, a senior journalist with RT and host of its Cross Talk public affairs program.

“I think the Russian government will be pleased [to see Assange working on RT]. It’s a soft power coup for Russia,” he adds.

It is significant that he said:

Worries that WikiLeaks might dump a lot of embarrassing material about the Russian government into Internet *never panned out (emphasis added)*.

It is also interesting that Fred Weir chose (or was chosen) to break this story in the mainstream media. This is how he profiled himself in a March 2004 article in *The Walrus*:

I came to Moscow over twenty years ago as a correspondent for the Canadian Tribune, the now defunct weekly newspaper put out by Canada’s Communist Party. I was a third-generation red diaper baby from Toronto, and a long-

time member of the party. My uncle, trained at the Lenin School in Moscow in the 1920s as an agent of the Communist International, spent many years in the USSR. I'd visited a few times, had studied Russian history up to the graduate level, but never wanted to live there until Gorbachev came to power in 1985...

I grabbed the Tribune job as soon as it was offered to me. My own dispatches to the Tribune were mostly stories about how well Gorbachev's plan was working out. I travelled in cramped, smoke-filled Aeroflot jets across the Soviet Union, from Leningrad to Vladivostok, and everywhere found people waking up to new possibilities...

Fred Weir is well-connected to the new Russian communist/business elite:

Sometime in the spring of 1991... I was invited to a garden party at the country home of Andrei Brezhnev, nephew of former Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, in Zhukovka, an elite dacha settlement outside Moscow. One of the guests, whom I'd known for years as a functionary of the Komsomol (the Young Communist League) rolled up in a shiny white Volvo and told me he was now president of an import-export firm. Another, whom I'd often dealt with as an official of the Tribune's fraternal newspaper, the Soviet Communist Party organ Pravda, boasted that he'd just been hired at a private bank. A third, even more surprising because he was the son of renowned Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov, leaned over the table and handed me a card that announced him as an "international business consultant."

A "Statement by Konstantin Preobrazhensky, former Soviet KGB officer, on the impact and purpose of Russia Today television" was given to America's Survival, Inc. and its president, Cliff Kincaid, and released on April 1, 2011. The former KGB officer wrote the following:

"Russia Today" was founded in 2005 especially for propaganda abroad. It has been aimed at 'explaining Russia's position on the main international issues and inform foreigners about Russian life'. *According to Gzt.ru*, it has been financed totally by the Russian government. In 2005-2006, the government has delivered \$30 million annually.

The methods of propaganda are managed by Directorate “A” of Russian Foreign Intelligence Service. The specialty of Directorate “A” is deceiving world public opinion and manipulating it. It has got a lot of experience over decades of the Cold War.

“Russia Today” is only a part of the Russian industry misinformation and manipulation created recently in the USA by Putin’s KGB. It is including the utilization of some American think-tanks and political scientists, their direct work up by Putin *at* annual meetings in *Russia*, putting Russian Americans under Kremlin’s control, etc. This industry aims at creating an inadequate, adorned image of Russia, provoking American to make wrong steps in their Russian politics.”

Interestingly, Fred Weir is a contributing editor to the Chicago-based socialist journal *In These Times*, where he serves alongside Barbara Ehrenreich, a founder of Progressives for Obama and a leader of both Democratic Socialists of America and Movement for a Democratic Society. Barbara Ehrenreich also serves as a trustee for the Institute for Policy Studies.

Ehrenreich’s daughter, Rosa Brooks (named after Marxist revolutionary Rosa Luxemburg), was a senior adviser to the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Michele Flournoy. The Washington Times commented, “A review of Ms. Brooks’ published work reveals her hard-left, rabidly ideological positions on defense matters.” In 2006-2007, Brooks served as Special Counsel to the President at the Open Society Institute in New York, the Soros-funded organization.

In These Times began life as an official project of the Institute for Policy Studies. Its current board of editors includes such leftist luminaries as David Axelrod’s mentor Don Rose and long-time Obama allies and former Weather Underground terrorist leaders, Bill Ayers and Bernardine Dohrn.

The Common Thread of Anti-Americanism

Many roads in the Bradley Manning/Julian Assange/WikiLeaks saga lead back to the Movement for a Democratic Society, Institute for Policy Studies, and various organizations and individuals with reported ties to foreign communist powers or adversaries of the United States.

The network is both circular and incestuous. A few radical organizations, working in tandem through their numerous fronts, create the impression of a substantial movement. Most have been pushing anti-US propaganda for years, from releasing the Pentagon Papers, to the “9/11” was an inside job movement, to anti-Iraq war activism to WikiLeaks. As long as it embarrasses America, these people will jump on the bandwagon.

Moscow’s communist networks spanned the globe and in most cases still exist. Ties to Russia Today television and the international Association of Democratic Lawyers are strong indications that if Moscow is not behind WikiLeaks, it certainly has a strong interest in seeing it succeed.

Is WikiLeaks just another chapter in the long running East-West propaganda war? Is Bradley Manning being championed by the far left, not out of compassion, or for concern for human rights, but because he is someone who has (perhaps inadvertently) done their cause great service? Or is he a pawn of others in the Obama Administration? What about Manning’s claims that he had contact with a homosexual on the White House staff and a bisexual on the staff of the Joint Chiefs? He was openly flaunting the policy, which was then in effect, prohibiting open homosexuality in the military. Who protected him? And why?

Julian Assange’s role, given his past associations with the left, and his current role with Russia Today, is becoming clear. Strong suspicions point in the direction of collusion and active cooperation.

Mother Russia

A possible connection to the Russian intelligence services is suggested by Assange’s relationship to the Chaos Communication Conference, sponsored by the Chaos Computer Club. In 1989, Club member Karl Koch, a West German computer hacker, was arrested for cyber-espionage activities, including taking material from U.S. military computers and feeding it to the KGB. Koch, who confessed, was later found burnt to death in a forest. He reportedly received drugs and money from the KGB.

A more current example comes in the form of Yevgeny Bazhanov, vice chancellor of research and international relations at the Foreign Ministry’s Diplomatic Academy in Moscow. He has written openly and favorably about Assange in *Moscow Times*:

Now, in the 21st century, we have WikiLeaks founded by anarchist and anti-imperialist Julian Assange who is driven by a hatred for capitalism and the United States. In the modern age of the Internet, Kalashnikovs and dynamite are no longer necessary to try to overthrow the enemy. Modern technology and outstanding hacking skills allow anarchists to help weaken the United States, the citadel of capitalism...

Undoubtedly, WikiLeaks delivered a heavy blow to the United States. First, it showed the world that U.S. diplomats might smile to your face while they sharpen their knives behind your back. Second, WikiLeaks exposed the vulnerability of the world's most powerful country. Seasoned spies used to hunt for years for a single page of classified information, but WikiLeaks and its alleged main leaker, U.S. Private Bradley Manning, in one fell swoop scored more than 500,000 classified and secret U.S. military and diplomatic documents. Third, the leaks will surely discourage the world from dealing candidly with the United States.

Konstantin Preobrazhensky, the former Soviet KGB officer who defected to the West, commented to Cliff Kincaid, "This Bazhanov is a KGB officer." He said it was easy to ascertain this fact based on his statement in the article that, in the late 1960s, he had attended a university in Singapore. "How was it possible for a Soviet student?!! There was even no mechanism for this! He could go there only as a form of exception, which could be done only for KGB," he said.

He called the article about Assange "KGB propaganda," saying that Bazhanov's claim that Russian diplomats will now be very cautious about signing secret agreements with Americans because of WikiLeaks disclosures cannot be taken seriously. At the same time, he said, "Moscow Times has become a mouthpiece of KGB propaganda, too."

Hence, the world is left wondering about the exact nature of the role that Assange and WikiLeaks are playing in the Kremlin's war on the West. But the decision by Assange to openly work with Russia Today television speaks volumes. The fact that the far-left in the U.S. is backing him and his source, Bradley Manning, further demonstrates the anti-American nature of this still-unfolding intelligence operation that masquerades as "journalism."

Yet, the Obama Administration, except for a letter from the State Department legal adviser, does nothing to stop Assange.

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November 27, 2010

Via Electronic Mail

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Dear Ms. Robinson and Mr. Assange:

I am writing in response to your 26 November 2010 letter to U.S. Ambassador Louis B. Susman regarding your intention to again publish on your WikiLeaks site what you claim to be classified U.S. Government documents.

As you know, if any of the materials you intend to publish were provided by any government officials, or any intermediary without proper authorization, they were provided in violation of U.S. law and without regard for the grave consequences of this action. As long as WikiLeaks holds such material, the violation of the law is ongoing.

It is our understanding from conversations with representatives from *The New York Times*, *The Guardian* and *Der Spiegel*, that WikiLeaks also has provided approximately 250,000 documents to each of them for publication, furthering the illegal dissemination of classified documents.

Publication of documents of this nature at a minimum would:

- Place at risk the lives of countless innocent individuals – from journalists to human rights activists and bloggers to soldiers to individuals providing information to further peace and security;
- Place at risk on-going military operations, including operations to stop terrorists, traffickers in human beings and illicit arms, violent criminal enterprises and other actors that threaten global security; and,
- Place at risk on-going cooperation between countries – partners, allies and common stakeholders – to confront common challenges from terrorism to pandemic diseases to nuclear proliferation that threaten global stability.

In your letter, you say you want – consistent with your goal of “maximum disclosure” – information regarding individuals who may be “at significant risk of harm” because of your actions.

Despite your stated desire to protect those lives, you have done the opposite and endangered the lives of countless individuals. You have undermined your stated objective by disseminating this material widely, without redaction, and without regard to the security and sanctity of the lives your actions endanger. We will not engage in a negotiation regarding the further release or dissemination of illegally obtained U.S. Government classified materials. If you are genuinely interested in seeking to stop the damage from your actions, you should: 1) ensure WikiLeaks ceases publishing any and all such materials; 2) ensure WikiLeaks returns any and all classified U.S. Government material in its possession; and 3) remove and destroy all records of this material from WikiLeaks’ databases.

Sincerely,

s/ Harold Hongju Koh

Harold Hongju Koh
Legal Adviser

