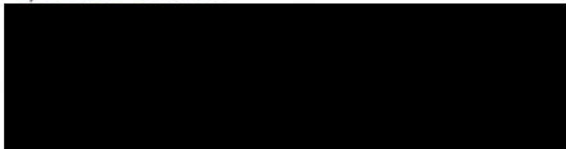


John C. Kiriakou



September 2, 2019

c/o Suzie Dawson



To Whom It May Concern:

I am a professional associate of Suzie Dawson. She is an internationally-recognized, high-profile advocate of Julian Assange, Wikileaks, and the principle of governmental transparency and accountability. I am certain that Suzie's activism has brought her to the attention of federal prosecutors in the United States, and specifically in the Eastern District of Virginia, where Julian Assange has been charged with espionage for practicing journalism.

I have personal experience in the Eastern District of Virginia. I want to convey in no uncertain terms that, if indicted, Suzie Dawson could not possibly receive a fair hearing in this court. The Eastern District is known as "the espionage court" because no national security defendant has ever won a case there. The District is home to the CIA, the Department of Defense, the FBI Academy, and literally hundreds of intelligence community and defense contractors. It is the employees of these organizations who would make up a jury there.

Because of the nature of her work, Suzie has undoubtedly come to the attention of the federal grand jury working on Julian Assange's case. The grand jury system in the United States is patently unjust. Its hearings are held in secret, the target of the investigation has no idea that it is taking place, and there is literally no opportunity for a target or potential target to defend him- or herself. Suzie should not be made to face such a system. It is the antithesis of justice, freedom, and fairness.

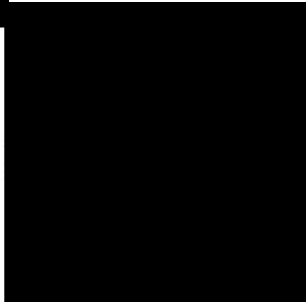
Furthermore, if Suzie were to leave Russia and return to New Zealand, she could face immediate extradition to the United States and the Eastern District of Virginia. Again, this would not be "justice." It would be doing the bidding of the United States.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



John C. Kiriakou



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
CITY/COUNTY OF Arlington

This instrument was acknowledged before me
on 3rd day of September 2019 by John Kiriakou

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Notary Public's Signature