

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) Case No. CR - 24 - 00014
Plaintiff,)
vs.)
JULIAN PAUL ASSANGE,)
Defendant.)

)

Count One:
Title 18, U.S.C. § 793(g), Conspiracy To
Obtain and Disclose National Defense
Information

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CRIMINAL INFORMATION

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY CHARGES THAT:

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GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

for the Northern Mariana Islands
By JP
(Deputy Clerk)

THE DEFENDANT AND CO-CONSPIRATOR

1. The defendant, JULIAN PAUL ASSANGE (“ASSANGE”), was not a United States citizen, did not possess a U.S. security clearance, and did not have authorization to possess, access, or control documents, writings, or notes relating to the national defense of the United States, including United States government classified information.

2. Chelsea Manning (“Manning”) was a United States Army intelligence analyst who held a TOP SECRET U.S. security clearance who was deployed to Forward Operating Base Hammer in Iraq.

CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

3. Pursuant to Executive Order 12958 signed on April 17, 1995, as amended by Executive Order 13292 on March 25, 2003, and Executive Order 13526 on December 29, 2009, national security information was classified as “TOP SECRET,” “SECRET,” or

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defendant, JULIAN PAUL ASSANGE, who will be first brought to the District of the Northern Mariana Islands, knowingly and unlawfully conspired with Chelsea Manning to commit the following offenses against the United States:

- a. To receive and obtain documents, writings, and notes connected with the national defense, including such materials classified up to the SECRET level, for the purpose of obtaining information respecting the national defense, and knowing and with reason to believe at the time such materials were received and obtained, they had been and would be taken, obtained, and disposed of by a person contrary to the provisions of Chapter 37 of Title 18 of the United States Code, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 793(c);
- b. To willfully communicate documents relating to the national defense, including documents classified up to the SECRET level, from persons having lawful possession of or access to such documents, to persons not entitled to receive them, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 793(d); and
- c. To willfully communicate documents relating to the national defense from persons in unauthorized possession of such documents to persons not entitled to receive them, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 793(e).

7. In furtherance of the conspiracy, and to accomplish its objects, ASSANGE and Manning committed lawful and unlawful overt acts.

(All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 793(g))