

IN THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER MAGISTRATES COURT BETWEEN:

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

-v-

JULIAN PAUL ASSANGE

FIRST STATEMENT OF BRIDGET PRINCE
ONE WORLD RESEARCH

1. **Education and Qualifications.** I hold an MSc from the London School of Economics Center for the Study of Human Rights and a BA from Kings College, London.
2. **Experience.** Since 2007 I have worked as an investigator and researcher for One World Research (OWR), a public interest research firm based in London and New York. Since 2010 I have been the Director of One World Research. Prior to working at OWR I worked in 2004-2006 as an investigator for the Habeas Corpus Resource Center focusing on the appeals of men on California's death row. Prior to that I worked for two years as a private investigator in San Francisco primarily providing investigation services for criminal defence cases. From 2000-2002 I worked as an ethnographer for the University of California, carrying out research on human rights and health issues in San Francisco and Vietnam.
3. OWR is instructed by a wide variety of clients and for many different purposes. We are instructed by attorneys and solicitors to conduct research and investigations and to provide evidence to the courts. In addition we are also instructed by NGOs and civil society groups to facilitate field research.
4. I have extensive experience carrying out research and investigations on criminal and civil legal cases in a variety of jurisdictions. I have worked for over ten years assisting attorneys in the United States in preparing for trial. As a result of this I am familiar with the system for selecting a jury

pool in federal court in the United States and have worked on a number of federal cases in the Eastern District of Virginia.

5. I have been asked by Mr Assange's solicitors, Birnberg Peirce Ltd, to carry out research with regards to government agencies and contractors who are located in, and hence potential employers of, individuals in the geographical area from which Mr. Assange's jury pool will be selected.
6. The U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia consists of four divisions¹. In each division there are a set number of counties and cities from which a jury pool is selected. Mr. Assange has been indicted in the Alexandria Division of the Eastern District of Virginia.
7. According to the court website, the Alexandria Division consists of the City of Alexandria and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William and Stafford, as well as any other city or town within the geographical boundaries of those counties [**Exhibit 1**].
8. I have carried out research in each of these counties and identified a large concentration of government agencies that have offices and are headquartered in this area. The headquarters of government agencies which are based in the Alexandria Division include:
 - Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) (Fairfax)
 - Federal Bureau of Investigations Academy (Stafford)
 - National Cybersecurity & Communications Integration Center - Department of Homeland Security NCCIC (Arlington)
 - U.S Department of Defense (The Pentagon - Arlington)
 - United States Army Intelligence and Security Command INSCOM (Fairfax)
9. According to reports by the Virginia Employment Commission a number of government agencies are in the list of the top 50 largest employers in these countries as follows [**Exhibit 2**]:
 - *City of Alexandria* – U.S Department of Defense (second largest employer), Institute for Defense Analysis and Department of Homeland Defense
 - *Arlington* – U.S Department of Defense (largest employer), Department of Homeland Defense (third largest employer) and United States Department of Justice

¹ <http://www.vaed.uscourts.gov>

- *Fairfax* – U.S Department of Defense (fourth largest employer), Department of Homeland Defense
- *Loudoun* – U.S Department of Homeland Defense (fourth largest employer)
- *Prince William* – U.S Department of Defense (third largest employer)
- *Stafford* – U.S Federal Bureau of Investigation (third largest employer, U.S Department of Defense (fourth largest employer)

10. In addition I carried out research into government contractors in the relevant counties of the Alexandria Division of the Eastern District of Virginia. The Northern Virginia area, where the Alexandria Division is located, has a high concentration of companies which are government contractors working in the military and intelligence sectors and according to an article in the Washington Post the sector has been growing in recent years [Exhibit 3]. Many of these companies are based in Fairfax County - the Fairfax County Economic Development Agency states on its website that it is a good location for businesses working on military contracts because there is “an abundance of retired and former military personnel available for employment [Exhibit 4].

11. Examples of military and intelligence contractors who are major employers in the relevant counties from which the jury pool will be selected are [Exhibit 5]:

- *Alexandria* – Institute for Defense Analyses
- *Arlington* – Booz Allen Hamilton
- *Fairfax* - Northrup Grumman
- *Loudoun* – MC Dean Inc

12. Schedules with the full results of my research into government agencies and contractors in the Alexandria Division are attached to this statement [Exhibits 6 and 7].

13. This statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Signed Budger & e

Date: 18/12/19