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1. Julian #Assange #BailAssangeUK US counsel opposes bail: “cannot be trusted to surrender”

2. US counsel refers to Julian #Assange and “others at @wikileaks “ *orchestrating* @snowden’ escape as a legal ground to oppose #BailAssangeUK

3. Tremendously interesting to see how US counsel just confirmed that @wikileaks original plans was to help @snowden to get protection in #LatinAmerica

4. US counsel mention UK spent 16 million pounds of UL taxpayers to keep Julian #Assange under surveillance in the embassy as an argument to deny #BailAssangeUK : my #Foia unearthed damning documents on how UK didn’t care about the money

5. US counsel argues that the suicide risk assessed by Julian #Assange’s medical experts is NOT well grounded. “NOT so severe as defence assessed”

6. US counsel questions Julian #Assange’s family life: Assange and his partner @StellaMoris1 “have never lived together “

7. JA counsel, Fitzgerald: Julian’s family important as a riling to mental distress, #BailAssangeUK would allow family unity with two small children and there is very serious #COVID in prison. NOTE: as a journalist I was denied access to data on statistics on #Covid in UK prisons

8. Judge Baraitser is absolutely right to ask where the data on #Covid in #Belmarsh from. Problem: for journalists it’s IMPOSSIBLE to get factual info on Covid in UK prisons. I was denied access to data by UK Ministry of Justice after trying to get data independently

9. JA counsel, Fitzgerald says main defence’s legal ground to apply for #BailAssangeUK is the physical and mental health assessment by medical experts. Fitzgerald mentions #LauriLove. let me say thank you to the unsung hero of LauriLove’s victory: @auerfeld

10. JA counsel Fitzgerald: factors for “overwhelming case for granting #BailAssangeUK”: mental health (as consistently acknowledge by judge Baraitser’s judgement): depresssion, Asperger syndrome +Covid risk. Living with his partner @StellaMoris1 and their children will protect

11. JA counsel Fitzgerald: is he remains in #Belmarsh with Covid and visits suspended it will be “life threatening”

12. Judge Baraitser: Mr #Assange was a *fugitive* from UK justice

13. Judge Baraitser: US has already lodged its appeal

14. Judge Baraitser: detention in Belmarsh NOT comparable to detention in US when it comes to support for mental and physical conditions

15. Judge Baraitser denied bail! #BailAssangeUK