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I have a feeling Assange is going to relocate from UK/Europe in short order, once this matter concludes (yes, appeal, but chances are lesser than yesterday). I remind folks he already attempted to flee to Russia just prior to US unsealing first indictment. (con't)

Rommy Vallejo, former head of the former Ecuadorian intelligence entity, the SENAIN--who left the agency in February 2018, a month after an aborted attempt to exfiltrate Assange to Russia (which he reportedly directed)-- was located in the United States of America in Jan 2020.

So Asssange's ties to Russia are not mere inferences and hyperbole even based on information in the public realm.

The question today is not what is Assange's relationship to Russia, but when did it begin 2012 or earlier?

Assange is not the first journalist cum intel operator to conduct subversive propaganda or as US alleges espionage against the US. The 2010 to 2016 period matches the height of Soviet espionage against US in the Interwar years.

Assange would not be the first of that ilk to avoid US prosecution either. That period was followed by a greater security consciousness in the US, including in the media.

It is possible Assange would risk going back to Australia. In 2010, Australian Federal Police "had not established the existence of any criminal offences where Australia would have jurisdiction." BUT, ...

unlikely he would be able to work as a publisher in kind given the country's recent laws on the leaking of nat sec information (and Australia is a member of FVEY and has info security relationships with US and US allies and their recent Pacific focus against China).

Such relationships include security regulations outline requirements for its members' handling of espionage, sabotage, terrorism, and deliberate compromises of classified information.

And that was the likely basis for example of Obama's request for US allies to investigate 2010 leaks via a vis NATO, Iraq and Afghanistan coalition countries, including Australia.

Therefore, in my analysis, I think post-confinement Assange will not be *of his own free will* in any country with an extradition treaty to US; or will a information security partnership vis a vis national defense and intelligence. Nor would he travel to countries were the FBI

operates freely of its own accord per US law. Because they would arrest him themselves. More importantly, a non-extradition to the US does not remove the legal risks imposed on Assange's travel. The US indictment

does not go away, just because the UK did not extradite him (as yet) based on the foreseeable confinement conditions he is under in pretrial or any possible sentencing regime should he be tried or found guilty. So in that regard he is going to live life of fugitive regardless.

...unless he is pardoned (that is of course always an option as well).