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Three protected witnesses accuse a former Spanish military of spying on Assange

Former Morales workers testify before the judge that their company recorded the cyber activist and his lawyers for the CIA

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Three protected witnesses accuse Spanish ex-marine of spying on Julian Assange

Two of the witnesses confirm, as <u>revealed by EL PAÍS before the</u> judicial <u>investigation began</u>, that in December 2017 the owner of UC Global SL ordered his workers to change the video surveillance cameras at the embassy and replace them. by others that incorporate audio. And that from then on the conversations of the Wikileaks founder with his lawyers were recorded and each and every visit he received was monitored.

During those meetings, the cyber-activist was preparing his defense against the request for extradition from the US The US Justice <u>accuses</u> him <u>of 18 crimes that add up to 175 years</u> in prison for the information that his organization revealed of classified material from <u>secret military</u> <u>operations in Afghanistan and Iraq.</u>

According to the evidence provided by the witnesses to the court, videos, audios and dozens of emails, some <u>already advanced by this newspaper</u>, the espionage was massive. The passports of all the visits were photographed, mobile phones were disassembled, IPad was downloaded, notes were stolen, and reports of each meeting were prepared by express order of Morales.

The ex-marine infant, marked in writing objectives and profiles "of the highest priority" that had to be "controlled at all times": <u>especially the visits of Americans and Russians</u>, as recorded in emails. The lists prepared do not reflect the visit of any Russian citizen, if that of a Serbian person and another Bioelorussian. "All this must be considered top secret so dissemination will be limited," wrote the owner of UC Global SL to his trusted workers. Ecuadorian diplomats working at the London embassy were also the target of espionage, according to evidence provided by witnesses.

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The testimonies of the witnesses coincide in the phrases that Morales used before his most trusted workers: "we play in the first division", "I have gone to the dark side", "those who control are the friends of the USA", " the American client "," American friends ask me to specify them "," Americans will get us contracts all over the world "," United States intelligence ", and so on. The obsession with any Russian visit or trace of Assange's ties with Russia is also reflected by the photographs taken of the visas in the passports of some visitors.

The recordings of the hard drives of the sound cameras installed in the embassy were extracted every 15 days, together with other recordings of microphones placed in the fire extinguishers, and delivered personally to the director at the company's headquarters in Jerez de la Frontera. Always the original recordings, never copies.

Morales traveled to the US once or twice a month supposedly to deliver the material "to the Americans." A microphone was installed on the plastic PVC base of a fire extinguisher in the meeting room where Assange met with his lawyers and in which the cyber activist had installed a white noise machine that he always turned on on suspicion of being spied on. Another was placed in the ladies' room where the Wikileaks founder sometimes met with his lawyers.

UC Global SL had been hired during the government of <u>Rafael Correa</u> by the Senain, Ecuador's secret service, to provide the embassy's security service. But Morales, according to these testimonies, ordered the spy on the Australian and created computer servers with remote control where all the information obtained illegally and accessed from the United States was dumped.

Trips to Virginia and Las Vegas

The witnesses affirm that they verified that there were accesses from the US. A study of the emails sent by Morales to several of his employees indicates <u>that the former military man traveled</u> to <u>Alexandria</u>, a city of about 145,000 inhabitants, on March 1 and 2, 2017. The IP addresses of the aforementioned messages, to which this newspaper has had access, indicate that it was in the place that houses the court where Assange's extradition request is processed. [EDVA, Eastern District of Virginia (Brackets for clarification, not in El Pais article)]

According to these testimonies, the channel to deliver the material on Assange to the CIA was a member of the security service of tycoon Sheldon Adelson, owner of Las Vegas Sands, friend of President <u>Donald Trump</u> and one of the main donors of the Republican Party. Morales had secured a contract with Adelson to reinforce the security of his ship when it docked in the Mediterranean. The main person in charge of the security of the North American businessman is a prominent former CIA chief.

Morales sent his workers an email on December 10, 2017 in which he asked that Ecuador be limited to access to the server, where the information was stored, so that he would not discover that "the American client" could also do so. The IP of that email determines that he wrote it from *The Venetian*, the main hotel of the Adelson chain in Las Vegas (USA).

"They tell me that for Ecuadorians to access the remote system, we must take into account that we must program it so that they only see what interests us.... It must seem like they have access, "the message said. The technical recommendations that "the client" gave him and that he sent to his employees in Jerez were in English.

In this Spanish video, is the summary of the espionage activities carried out by UC Global. YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=emOinPN_4fE&t=2s&ab_channel=ElPa%C3%ADs