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Hon Scott Morrison MP
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Senator the Hon Marise Payne,
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Dear Prime Minister Morrison and Foreign Minister Payne

RE: Surveillance of Australian citizens visiting Julian Assange in London

We the undersigned are journalists, lawyers, academics, and activists who visited Julian Assange in the Ecuadorian Embassy in London.

In those various capacities we visited Assange to interview him, to receive instruction from a client, or to enquire as to the welfare of a colleague and friend.

Recent investigative reporting by Zach Dorfman, Sean D. Naylor and Michael Isikoff of Yahoo News cites numerous former intelligence and government officials stating that extensive spying was justified and undertaken on associates of Assange.

This included our "patterns of life," and "what these individuals were saying and who they were saying it to, where they were traveling or going to be at a given date and time, and what platforms these individuals were communicating on."

In addition, "agency executives requested and received "sketches" of plans for killing Assange and other Europe-based WikiLeaks members who had access to Vault 7 materials..."

We wish to know what surveillance or monitoring we have been subjected to by the intelligence agencies of our allies, the United Kingdom and United States.

Were any of us placed on speculative kill lists?

We also believe we have a right to know whether the Australian government was informed or consented to our communications and movements being tracked.

We would appreciate a written response to the address above.

Sincerely

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