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**USA**

Dear Mr. Garland

In July 2019, Julian Assange was arrested by British authorities at the Ecuadorian Embassy in London. In 2019, he was sentenced to 50 weeks in prison.

Due to an extradition request from the US, he remains in a maximum security prison in the UK. Because of publication of documents on his disclosure platform, the U.S. is demanding his extradition. The documents concern U.S. military disclosures that may constitute war crimes.

Julian Assange has only one last appeal before the European Court of Human Rights.

In the U.S., serious human rights violations and an unfair trial probably await him.

The right to freedom of expression must not be punished, also with regard to other journalists.

Dear Mr. Garland, please drop the charges against Julian Assange that relate only to his publications of documents on WikiLeaks.

Yours sincerely