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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

3 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

4 v.

12 CR 185 (LAP)

5 JEREMY HAMMOND,

6 Defendant.

7  
8 New York, N.Y.  
9 November 15, 2013  
10:06 a.m.

10 Before:

11 HON. LORETTA A. PRESKA,

12 District Judge

13 APPEARANCES

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1 (In open court)

2 THE COURT: United States against Jeremy Hammond.

3 Is the government ready?

4 MS. NIDIRY: Yes. Good morning, your Honor. Rosemary  
5 Nidiry for the government. With me at counsel table is Thomas  
6 Brown of the U.S. Attorney's Office and Special Agent  
7 Christopher Tarbell of the FBI.

8 THE COURT: Good morning.

9 Is the defense ready?

10 MS. KELLMAN: We are, your Honor. Good morning.  
11 Susan Kellman for Jeremy Hammond. Your Honor, my client is  
12 seated to my right, and I'm assisted at counsel table by Sarah  
13 Kunstler and Emily Kunstler and Margaret Ratner Kunstler.

14 THE COURT: Good morning. Won't you be seated. Good  
15 morning.

16 I think the first item we should take up, please, is  
17 the application of the New York Times to have the redacted  
18 portions of the sentencing memorandum unsealed.

19 Mr. McCraw.

20 MR. McCRAW: Yes, your Honor. Good morning.

21 THE COURT: Good morning. Do you wish to be heard  
22 further?

23 MR. McCRAW: Your Honor, I believe my letter lays out  
24 what our position is. I'd like to respond to whatever argument  
25 is made for continuing the redaction.

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1 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

2 MR. McCRAW: Thank you.

3 THE COURT: Ms. Kellman, Ms. Kunstler.

4 MS. KELLMAN: Your Honor, I hope that we can dispose  
5 of this fairly quickly. As the Court knows, I came on board  
6 fairly late in this matter. And one of the first things that I  
7 had an opportunity to read before I even began to familiarize  
8 myself with the case was the Court's protective order in this  
9 matter. And I took that, as I take all orders of this Court,  
10 seriously. I reached out to the government of the United  
11 States in an effort to see if there were areas in which we  
12 could agree that redactions were not necessary, and I  
13 succeeded neither in connecting with them on that issue by  
14 phone or by e-mail. And after several weeks of having no input  
15 from the government, I erred on the side of caution and I  
16 redacted everything that I thought could potentially cause a  
17 problem.

18 From our vantage point, we didn't really have a sense  
19 that most of it needed to be redacted and we would, as I always  
20 do, defer to the Court on these matters. If the Court is  
21 inclined to release the information, of course we live to  
22 serve, Judge. I did what I thought was appropriate, which  
23 was to follow the letter of the Court's instruction. And if  
24 there is somebody in this courtroom who feels that there are  
25 areas that don't need to be redacted, I'm happy to be

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1 instructed.

2 THE COURT: Thank you.

3 What's the government's position here? There seemed  
4 to be pretty limited redactions.

5 MS. NIDIRY: Yes, your Honor. Since receiving the  
6 redacted versions of the defense's submissions, we've had  
7 discussions with defense counsel about the areas that we think  
8 do not need to be redacted. And primarily what we think should  
9 be redacted are victim names and the entities, the personal  
10 information of various individuals, credit card information,  
11 things like that, that appear in some of the exhibits, the URL  
12 information of websites that may have vulnerabilities.

13 And so we have talked it over with Ms. Kunstler and my  
14 understanding is that she is going to-- or they are going to be  
15 submitting a submission with more limited redactions that  
16 comport, we think, with the protective order.

17 THE COURT: What is your position as to the material  
18 within the four corners of the defense sentencing memorandum in  
19 the text?

20 MS. NIDIRY: Those I think can be unredacted.

21 THE COURT: Okay. And then as far as I could tell,  
22 the remaining material -- the addresses, the names, et  
23 cetera -- those appear in the exhibits.

24 MS. NIDIRY: I think that's correct.

25 THE COURT: Okay. Certainly the material in the text



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1 of the sentencing memorandum may be unredacted.

2 Is there anything else that we need to discuss?

3 MS. KELLMAN: Not that I'm aware of, Judge.

4 THE COURT: Mr. McCraw, anything else you want to  
5 discuss?

6 MR. McCRAW: Yes, your Honor. In terms of-- first, we  
7 have no problem with personal identifying information of the  
8 sort that was in the protective order. That list which dealt  
9 with credit card numbers and the like, no problem, and we  
10 appreciate your Honor's unsealing of the memorandum.

11 Primarily what we've been concerned about is what  
12 appears to be a supplemental argument, A through H, which is  
13 largely redacted, the version, and I think it's the latest,  
14 almost completely redacted, other than the introductory  
15 paragraph.

16 We know from the government's submission, where they  
17 address what's redacted in Footnote 19 on page 19 that  
18 essentially it's an argument aimed at your Honor in terms of  
19 something you should consider for sentencing. We believe that  
20 other than the personal identifying information, which we  
21 discussed, that they should be unredacted.

22 THE COURT: I'm sorry. Let me just locate that.

23 The problem is mine isn't redacted so I don't know  
24 what the material is.

25 MR. McCRAW: Your Honor, in --

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1 THE COURT: I have Exhibit H.

2 MR. McCRAW: For ease, the first two paragraphs of the  
3 letter addressed to you are unredacted and then, after that,  
4 other than some "respectfully submitted," everything else is  
5 blank. Everything that is attached to that letter is blank.

6 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

7 I guess I should be asking Ms. Kellman, first, do you  
8 have any concerns about unredacting that material?  
9 Ms. Kunstler?

10 MS. KUNSTLER: Your Honor, we don't have any concerns  
11 about unredacting that material.

12 MS. KELLMAN: Judge, when you say do we have any  
13 concerns about it, is the Court's concern with respect to your  
14 order?

15 THE COURT: No.

16 MS. KELLMAN: Then I think that the answer is we don't  
17 have any concerns.

18 THE COURT: Does the government have any objection to  
19 unredacting that material?

20 MS. NIDIRY: To the extent that the-- only to the  
21 extent that the names of entities with potential  
22 vulnerabilities exist in there. In other words, everything--  
23 we believe that everything should be unredacted except the  
24 names of, for example, the countries listed that have potential  
25 vulnerabilities.

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1 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. McCraw.

2 MR. McCRAW: Your Honor, as to the country names, the  
3 government has taken the position that this is untrue. They  
4 say that in Footnote 19, that essentially having addressed the  
5 argument that was redacted, that we haven't seen, they say this  
6 is untrue. It seems unlikely to me that there is a privacy  
7 interest or a national security interest in things that aren't  
8 true. If they are now saying that there are some actual  
9 vulnerabilities and they're willing to make that submission to  
10 your Honor, that's a different matter. At this point what I'm  
11 being told by Footnote 19 is that none of this is believable,  
12 in which case I don't see the case for redaction.

13 THE COURT: Ms. Nidiry.

14 MS. NIDIRY: I think that counsel is misreading our  
15 footnote. We do point out that C.W. and Mr. Hammond did  
16 discuss vulnerabilities in foreign websites among other  
17 websites. And so there is a potential that the entities  
18 listed herein have website vulnerabilities, and that is our  
19 concern.

20 THE COURT: Then the footnote goes on. It says, "In  
21 fact, the FBI notified foreign governments about this activity  
22 and the vulnerability of their websites." Right?

23 MS. NIDIRY: Yes, that's correct.

24 THE COURT: All right. I'm not sure, Mr. McCraw, that  
25 the government is saying that it's untrue.

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1 MR. McCRAW: But it-- and I agree with you, your  
2 Honor, that they have said that there was a discussion. Now, I  
3 don't know what's in there, so whether --

4 THE COURT: It's a list of countries.

5 MR. McCRAW: Okay. And my understanding is that if  
6 the footnote is accurate, that there's been notification, I  
7 would think there would need to be some showing that that  
8 vulnerability continues. I would assume that, having been  
9 notified and this list having been developed some time ago,  
10 that there should be a fresh case that there is  
11 vulnerability.

12 THE COURT: Ms. Nidiry.

13 MS. NIDIRY: I don't necessarily-- I don't think that  
14 the burden should be put on the victims with the potential  
15 vulnerabilities to demonstrate that the vulnerabilities have  
16 been taken care of. I think that the information that is  
17 important for the public that is in this document is provided  
18 without listing the names of the potential victims.

19 THE COURT: Anything else, Mr. McCraw?

20 MR. McCRAW: Just one final point, your Honor. I'm  
21 not asking that the victims do this. I'm asking that the  
22 government do this. The government is proposing the redaction.  
23 The constitutional standard is clear it's their burden, not the  
24 burden of anybody in the general public.

25 THE COURT: All right. In light of the potential

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1 vulnerabilities of these governments and out of an excess of  
2 caution, I will permit the redacting of the list of countries.  
3 Otherwise, the remainder of the November 1, 2013 addendum to  
4 the defendant's sentencing submission shall be unredacted.

5 MS. NIDIRY: Your Honor, I'm sorry, just to be clear,  
6 the exhibits to that addendum do contain a host of chat logs  
7 within which there are a lot of discussions of websites. So we  
8 would ask that those --

9 THE COURT: Vulnerable websites.

10 MS. NIDIRY: Yes, exactly.

11 THE COURT: Or deemed to be vulnerable.

12 MS. NIDIRY: Yes, as well as personal credit card  
13 information.

14 THE COURT: Well, we're all on board on the personal  
15 credit card information. I'll permit the redaction of the  
16 supposedly vulnerable sites.

17 MS. NIDIRY: Yes. Thank you.

18 THE COURT: Okay. Sir, anything else?

19 MR. McCRAW: Thank you, your Honor.

20 THE COURT: Yes, sir. Thank you.

21 Ms. Kellman, Ms. Kunstler, have you and your client  
22 had adequate time to review the presentence report?

23 MS. KELLMAN: We have, your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Is there any reason it should not be made  
25 part of the record?

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1 MS. KELLMAN: No, your Honor.

2 THE COURT: Are there any objections to the  
3 presentence report?

4 MS. KELLMAN: Your Honor, we highlighted the  
5 objections in our submission of November 1st.

6 THE COURT: Are there any that you'd like to discuss  
7 today?

8 MS. KELLMAN: Only to the extent that we'd like the  
9 Court to take them into consideration, and that is specifically  
10 with respect to the comments in the presentence report with  
11 respect to paragraph 61 and 83.

12 THE COURT: Sixty-one and?

13 MS. KELLMAN: Eighty-three, your Honor. With respect  
14 to 61, does the Court want me to-- I'm happy to discuss them  
15 briefly with the Court.

16 THE COURT: Sure.

17 MS. KELLMAN: With respect to paragraph 61, I thought  
18 that the report was somewhat harsh with respect to its comment  
19 that Mr. Hammond had refused to maintain employment while on  
20 bond during the period between his guilty plea and the sentence  
21 and his prior federal case. And from our own research, that  
22 didn't appear to be the case.

23 We provided the probation department and the Court  
24 with a copy of not one, but two letters from Mr. Hammond's  
25 prior employer, Rome & Company. And Mr. Roman, who had

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1 responded to inquiries on this issue, said that not only had he  
2 welcomed Jeremy back because of the fine work that he had done,  
3 but in his second letter to the Court, he wrote that "The  
4 second time following his period of detention, we welcomed him  
5 back with enthusiasm and without hesitation." He described  
6 Mr. Hammond as friendly, courteous, polite, and extremely  
7 respectful of the business deeds of the company that he  
8 served. And I thought that that was an extraordinary  
9 compliment from somebody who recognized that Jeremy had had  
10 legal problems, was prepared to welcome him back because of the  
11 good work he had done.

12 And what troubled me was that probation appeared to  
13 have been aware of that, and the reality was that Mr. Hammond  
14 had told probation that he took two weeks off before he had to  
15 surrender. But I thought it was harsh to say that he hadn't  
16 worked at all since, one, that's not what he said, and, two,  
17 that didn't appear to be what his employer was saying either.

18 I ask the Court to take notice of that and I attach  
19 both letters from Mr. Roman.

20 THE COURT: Is there any objection to deleting the  
21 portion, at least as appears in paragraph 62 of my copy of the  
22 presentence report, the portion that says "and failed to  
23 maintain employment"?

24 MS. NIDIRY: No, your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Okay. That portion is deleted.

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1 MS. KELLMAN: Thank you, Judge.

2 And the second piece, in paragraph 83, the probation  
3 department appeared to be concerned that they hadn't had any  
4 contact from Mr. Hammond's family, specifically his girlfriend,  
5 his mother and his brother. And our understanding was that  
6 those people were not inclined to speak directly to probation,  
7 but they had through us communicated a willingness to provide  
8 letters, which they did, and we provided those letters to  
9 probation. I'm not sure why they weren't commented upon, but  
10 we've attached them to our submissions.

11 So I think it's unfair to say that the family had not  
12 been responsive, which suggests to the Court that somehow they  
13 might not be supportive. And of course I think the Court knows  
14 well --

15 THE COURT: We might have-- I wonder if we have  
16 different copies. That portion appears at paragraph 84 in my  
17 copy and it says, "However, through counsel the defendant said  
18 that those individuals would prefer not to be interviewed and  
19 would rather rely on letters they have written on behalf of the  
20 defendant," and then the report goes on to summarize those  
21 letters.

22 MS. KELLMAN: I think, Judge, that's the second  
23 submission, is what that is. Our letter went to the first  
24 submission and I think after our letter probation --

25 THE COURT: Got it. So this is fixed.



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1 MS. KELLMAN: I think that's correct, Judge.

2 THE COURT: All right then. No other objections to  
3 the presentence report?

4 MS. KELLMAN: No, your Honor.

5 THE COURT: Thank you.

6 With respect to the offense level computation, I  
7 accept the findings of the presentence report set forth at  
8 paragraphs 42 through 56, which conclude that a total offense  
9 level of 31 is appropriate. With respect to the defendant's  
10 criminal history, I accept the findings of the presentence  
11 report set forth at paragraphs 57 through 77, which conclude  
12 that a criminal history category of four is appropriate.

13 I have the sentencing memorandum on behalf of  
14 Mr. Hammond. I have the supplemental letter dated November 1;  
15 I have a large binder of letters; I have a letter from Russell  
16 Hammond handed up today; I have the letter attached to the  
17 November 7 submission; I have the government's submission.

18 Are there any additional written materials I should be  
19 looking at, Counsel?

20 MS. NIDIRY: No, your Honor.

21 MS. KELLMAN: No, your Honor.

22 THE COURT: Ms. Kellman, would you like to speak on  
23 behalf of Mr. Hammond?

24 MS. KELLMAN: I would, your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Or Ms. Kunstler.

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1 MS. KELLMAN: But at the moment I'd like to defer, if  
2 I may, to Sarah Kunstler, who has prepared some remarks. And I  
3 would like to yield to my mentee in the Southern District's  
4 excellent mentoring program. I have to say in this case I may  
5 well have learned more from my mentee than she from me and I'm  
6 very proud of the work she's done in this case.

7 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am.

8 MS. KELLMAN: So I'd like to defer to her and then I  
9 will speak, Judge.

10 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am. Ms. Kunstler.

11 MS. KUNSTLER: Thank you, your Honor. Would you  
12 mind if I took the podium? It might be a little bit easier for  
13 me.

14 THE COURT: Of course. If you actually want to remain  
15 seated, that's fine too.

16 MS. KUNSTLER: Thank you.

17 MS. KELLMAN: When she gave me the key to her office  
18 last night in case I need to get papers, I said, "Not a  
19 chance." She's going to make it through this.

20 MS. KUNSTLER: Thank you, your Honor. I'm very happy  
21 to be here today. I wasn't sure if I would make it.

22 In December of 2012, 24,000 geophysicists gathered at  
23 a meeting of the American Geophysical Union. The most  
24 well-attended lecture was about the depletion of the earth's  
25 resources --

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1 THE COURT: Ms. Kunstler, I'm going to ask you to keep  
2 your voice up or perhaps be a little closer to the microphone--

3 MS. KUNSTLER: Sure.

4 THE COURT: -- so everyone can hear you.

5 MS. KUNSTLER: Thank you.

6 A geophysicist named Brad Werner from the University  
7 of California walked the crowd through an advanced computer  
8 model to show how the rapid depletion of these resources was  
9 leading to the destabilization of the earth's ability to  
10 sustain human life.

11 When asked what could reverse or stem this tide,  
12 Mr. Werner was largely at a loss. There is one dynamic in the  
13 model, however, that offered some hope. Werner termed it  
14 resistance: Movements of people, or groups of people, who  
15 adopt a certain set of dynamics that does not fit within the  
16 dominant culture. According to the abstract for his  
17 presentation, this includes protests, blockades, and sabotage  
18 by indigenous people, workers and other activist groups.

19 Serious scientific gatherings don't usually feature  
20 calls for mass resistance, but in the history of our great  
21 nation and in the history of humankind, there have always been  
22 moments where resistance has led to important social change.  
23 The American Revolution, the Civil War, the Civil Rights  
24 Movement and the end of apartheid in South Africa. And there  
25 have always been people who stood up to make that change: Our

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1 founding fathers, Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela.

2           What these people have in common is how they act in a  
3 moment of choice, when confronted with a situation in which  
4 they can rise up, often at great personal risk, and take action  
5 or quietly sit down and risk nothing. And in that moment of  
6 choice, if they do nothing, no one will be the wiser, but if  
7 they act, they will suffer the consequences of that action.

8           These actors and the actions they take are not always  
9 understood in the moment. Sometimes the actors are viewed as  
10 criminals; their actions as violations of the established law.  
11 Sometimes it takes time -- days, months, a century -- for the  
12 context and meaning of those actions to be properly understood.  
13 And in some cases, history, rather than vindicating them, will  
14 judge them harshly.

15           The development and use of surveillance technologies  
16 will be one of the defining issues of our times. The reach of  
17 these capabilities is astonishingly broad. Governments can  
18 listen in on cell phone calls, use voice recognition to scan  
19 mobile networks, read e-mails and text messages, sensor web  
20 pages, track a citizen's every movement using GPS, and can even  
21 change e-mail contents en route to a recipient. They can  
22 secretly turn on webcams built into personal laptops and  
23 microphones and cell phones not being used. And all of this  
24 information can be filtered and organized on such a massive  
25 scale that it can be used to spy on every person in an entire

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1 country.

2           Jeremy Hammond, a gifted computer programmer, decided  
3 to use his skills to break the law. He did so out of a concern  
4 that these technologies were enabling governments and  
5 corporations to gather information on individuals and  
6 organizations without oversight or scrutiny. He did so as an  
7 act of protest. And as a result of his actions and the actions  
8 of others similarly committed to open government, the public  
9 has become increasingly aware and increasingly concerned.

10           There are many, like our adversaries in the U.S.  
11 Attorney's Office, who do not accept Jeremy's actions as acts  
12 of civil disobedience. Many who see what he did as  
13 one-dimensional, criminal and malicious. In its sentencing  
14 submission, the government argues that Jeremy Hammond was  
15 motivated by a malicious and callous contempt for those with  
16 whom he disagreed and that this goal, demonstrated by  
17 statements that he made in chat rooms, was to cause mass mayhem  
18 by destroying websites and entities he disliked.

19           Contrary to the government's representations, this  
20 wasn't a malicious and unfocused act against an entity with  
21 whom Jeremy had a disagreement. It was an act of protest  
22 against the private intelligent industry and its ability to do  
23 what the United States in theory is prohibited from doing:  
24 Targeting American citizens and other populations worldwide.

25           If Jeremy spent every waking hour on-line hiding

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1 behind a screen, hacking into websites, it would lend credence  
2 to the government's argument. But this is not the case. As  
3 the Court knows, Jeremy lived an active, moral and productive  
4 off-line life, as well as a life in which he was devoted to  
5 helping others in a way that many of us imagine we would do if  
6 only we had the time. In an age where technology and computers  
7 isolate us, where we walk around staring into tiny screens,  
8 using social media to stay in touch with our friends, and send  
9 text messages rather than talk to the people in our lives,  
10 Jeremy connected with people, looked them in the eyes and made  
11 an impact on their -- looked them in the eyes and made an  
12 impact in their lives in extraordinarily positive ways.

13           The government discounts these efforts. In a footnote  
14 buried deep in its submission, the government argues that  
15 Jeremy's contributions to the public good are not worthy of  
16 this Court's consideration because they are substantially  
17 outweighed by the harm he caused. The government ignores the  
18 letters of support we received; 60 out of a total of 265 from  
19 people who know Jeremy from his positive work in the community  
20 of Chicago-- the communities of Chicago. People who have  
21 first-hand knowledge of the countless hours he spent  
22 volunteering, teaching, tutoring, creating a community space so  
23 groups could meet, organizing to close down local coal plants  
24 that were poisoning the community, helping people gain skills,  
25 find jobs, and get back on their feet. Opening the doors of

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1 his home to people who were hungry and in need and inspiring  
2 others to do those same things.

3           These letters demonstrate a profound accomplishment  
4 and a profound commitment to humanity, far greater than any of  
5 us at the defense table can lay claim to. And under 18 U.S.C.  
6 3553(a), they are certainly worthy of this Court's  
7 consideration.

8           One of the most wonderful letters attached to our  
9 submission came from someone who has never met Jeremy, a father  
10 of two young people attending college in Chicago, who wrote  
11 after his children made him aware of Jeremy's case. The man's  
12 children were not friends of Jeremy's either. He happened to  
13 run into them on the street when they were moving their  
14 belongings into a new third-floor apartment. Jeremy happened  
15 by and offered to help. Later, after his arrest, they saw his  
16 picture on the news and realized that the person who had  
17 helped them was the person who now awaits sentence in this  
18 case.

19           Now, this is by no means the most significant letter  
20 in our submission, but I mention it because it highlights the  
21 kind of person that Jeremy is. Not many people would have  
22 stopped to help, but Jeremy Hammond is the kind of person who  
23 stops everything he's doing to help another human being, a  
24 person who has made a tremendous real-world impact and a person  
25 who feels the responsibility to make the world a better place

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1 in both big ways and small.

2           Jeremy Hammond broke the law. He knew that he was  
3 breaking the law and he acted at his peril. He accepts the  
4 consequences of his actions. He does not -- and we do not --  
5 minimize his actions by addressing his motivation, but his  
6 motivation matters. When Jeremy sat down at his computer and  
7 broke the law, he did so with the same set of values and  
8 principles that he applied to every other aspect of his life.  
9 Nothing that Jeremy did in this case was for personal gain.  
10 Had it been otherwise, surely he would have sought to exploit  
11 the credit cards available to him, something he has never  
12 done.

13           In a recent statement, Sarah Harrison, the British  
14 journalist who accompanied Edward Snowden to Russia described  
15 actors like Jeremy Hammond as a last line of defense in the  
16 fight for transparency. Ms. Harrison wrote, "In these times of  
17 secrecy and abuse of power, when whistleblowers come forward,  
18 we need to fight for them so others will be encouraged. When  
19 they are gagged, we must be their voice. When they are hunted,  
20 we must be their shield. When they are locked away, we must  
21 free them. Giving us the truth is not a crime. This is our  
22 data, our information, our history. We must fight to own  
23 it."

24           The government has a one-dimensional view of this  
25 case. Part of the challenge may be that Jeremy Hammond's



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1 actions are a new form of protest, using tactics that are,  
2 concededly, violations of our federal criminal law. But our  
3 world is changing quickly as evidenced by the hundreds of  
4 letters of support and thousands of people who signed on to the  
5 petitions that we submitted to the Court.

6 Your Honor, Jeremy understands that you must sentence  
7 him today and that you must apply the laws in force at this  
8 moment. None of us has the benefit of history hindsight or the  
9 changes that will no doubt take place as our thinking and our  
10 laws evolve to address the seemingly boundless use of  
11 surveillance by corporations and governments and the actions of  
12 people like Jeremy Hammond, who step forward to grasp truths  
13 that are hidden from us.

14 Under 18 U.S.C. 3553(a), we respectfully submit that  
15 after looking at all of the sentencing factors, Jeremy  
16 Hammond's history and characteristics, the nature and  
17 circumstances of the crime, the need to reflect the seriousness  
18 of the offense to promote just punishment, to afford adequate  
19 deterrents and to avoid unwanted sentencing disparities, that a  
20 sentence of time served is sufficient, but not greater, to meet  
21 the goals of sentencing.

22 Thank you.

23 THE COURT: Thank you, Ms. Kunstler.

24 Ms. Kellman, did you wish to add anything?

25 MS. KELLMAN: Yes, if I may, Judge. As the Court

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1 knows, this is not the kind of case I often handle. And I am  
2 actually in the middle of a trial right now and it is a case in  
3 which the government's evidence rests -- I would say virtually  
4 exclusively, but I think that would be wrong -- I would have to  
5 say exclusively on the words of and the testimony of people who  
6 have killed more people than we can count on one hand.

7 And when I was cross-examining one of the witnesses  
8 yesterday, one of the cooperators yesterday, I asked him what  
9 his hope was. And essentially he said-- for his cooperation.  
10 And what he said essentially was that he hoped that he would do  
11 better than other cooperators that had testified in a related  
12 case. And those cooperators had admitted on the stand under  
13 oath to killing six people -- one, six; one, eight -- and  
14 they were hoping to do better than another cooperator in a  
15 related case who had killed 11 people and was sentenced to  
16 seven years. So for their seven and six bodies respectively,  
17 they hoped to be sentenced to less than seven years.

18 I asked one of the cooperators, an older -- I thought  
19 older fellow, how he felt about the sentence of "Sammy the  
20 Bull" Gravano, who had killed 19 people and had the government  
21 argue-- I'm sorry, advocate on his behalf for a sentence of  
22 time served. And I was struck at the notion that our  
23 government, having had an opportunity to explore all that  
24 Jeremy Hammond has done in this case, that the same individuals  
25 who seek a ten-year sentence for Jeremy Hammond were hoping and

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1 begging, beseeching a federal judge to give the man who said "I  
2 looked at friends in the face and blew their heads off," but I  
3 think that this man, now that he's testified on our behalf, on  
4 behalf of the government, should go home today.

5 Now, I know these words will probably come back to  
6 haunt me one day when I stand before the Court arguing as to  
7 why my cooperator client should not spend the rest of his life  
8 in jail for having looked his friends in the face and blown  
9 their heads off. But when I think about the dynamic, and in a  
10 sense the absurdity of the dynamic, the government of the  
11 United States arguing to set people free who have killed more  
12 people than many people know and the enthusiasm and intensity  
13 of their arguments as to why Jeremy Hammond, if they could,  
14 should never see the light of day, but certainly spend the next  
15 ten years of his life incarcerated, I'm disappointed and to  
16 some extent stunned.

17 As I read through the letters that were submitted --  
18 and as the Court knows, you have what we perceive to be the  
19 cream of the letters -- I was taken as I really never have been  
20 in a case by the kinds of things that people who knew Jeremy  
21 and who didn't know Jeremy had to say about what I think we  
22 can all agree, for better or worse, is an extraordinary young  
23 man.

24 When I first heard about Jeremy's case and began to  
25 read about it, I have a son not so different in age, just a few

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1 years younger than Jeremy, and I thought, Wow, my son is going  
2 in the right direction and I'm so proud of him. And I thought,  
3 How am I going to figure out what to say about how to defend  
4 someone who I may not be as proud of from the things that I had  
5 read in the newspaper and in the government's submissions and  
6 in the indictment?

7 And as I read about Jeremy, I was floored at the kind  
8 of-- I don't know if there's a better word; I'm sure there is--  
9 than volunteerism. That this is a young man with an  
10 extraordinary heart. And the notion that the Court, as the  
11 government suggests, that the extent of his good works pales in  
12 comparison with the extent of his computer hacking, which the  
13 government calls malicious -- and I think the evidence suggests  
14 is far more a form of protest. Had it been malicious, I think  
15 that there would have been a much better argument for Jeremy  
16 using or abusing the credit cards, for example, to his own  
17 purpose, and even the government concedes that that didn't  
18 happen.

19 As I read through the materials -- and Ms. Kunstler,  
20 of course, just highlighted one letter that stood out to her.  
21 I couldn't even pick a letter that stood out to me because one  
22 was more generous about the impact of Jeremy's good works and  
23 Jeremy's good action on so many people, whether they were  
24 children in the Chicago area who needed tutoring, needed  
25 assistance in learning how to use a computer, needed help

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1 getting a job and he helped them learn how to write a resume.  
2 This is a young man who, on a daily basis, all day, every day,  
3 when he could help someone would help that person whether he  
4 knew them or he didn't know them.

5 When I first heard that he was an excellent chef and  
6 that he cooked for homeless people in Chicago just because they  
7 were hungry, I thought, Well, where does he get the money for  
8 the food? And the answer was he didn't have money for the  
9 food. He found rotting food, he found storekeepers who were  
10 throwing out food, and he collected food and he went to a soup  
11 kitchen and he cooked the food.

12 And I think to some extent there are-- one of the  
13 problems certainly in Chicago, as I've read, is that homeless  
14 people don't always go to shelters in order to get aid and  
15 sometimes it's purely mental illness. Sometimes it's purely a  
16 fear of connecting or an alienation that comes as a part of  
17 homelessness. But when the people of Chicago, the homeless  
18 people of Chicago, heard that Jeremy was cooking that night, it  
19 was impossible to get into the soup kitchens because of the  
20 person he was, because of the chef he was, and because they  
21 were hungry and because he made the time to do that.

22 There are so many days when I say it's a sunny,  
23 beautiful Saturday, I think I'm going to go over to the park  
24 and just rake and volunteer, because there's always something  
25 in the park that needs to be done and there's always a group

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1 that needs to do it. And I walk my dogs and I see everybody  
2 raking and I say, You know what? I'm going to bring the dogs  
3 home and I'm going to go back. And then I start to read  
4 something that I need to read for Monday morning and the next  
5 thing I know it is Monday morning and I haven't gotten out to  
6 the park and I haven't helped rake. And I say I'm going to go  
7 and help in the city because I can help with resumes. And I've  
8 signed up to do it a number of times, and then life gets in the  
9 way and I don't do it.

10           Jeremy Hammond does do it, your Honor. As I started  
11 to go through these letters, I have to admit one of the ones  
12 that jumped off the page to me came from a childhood hero of my  
13 own, and that was Daniel Ellsberg, somebody who stood up to the  
14 government then in a way that we weren't accustomed to seeing,  
15 or at least I wasn't. And in my young life as a college  
16 student, it made an impact on me.

17           In his letter to the Court -- which was not solicited  
18 by us, your Honor, but Mr. Ellsberg called us and asked if he  
19 could submit a letter on our behalf. He wrote to the Court  
20 that "The actions taken by Jeremy Hammond need to be viewed in  
21 a context that considers the profound consequences of private  
22 surveillance of public activists in the United States." We  
23 create a whistleblower statute to create whistleblowers, but  
24 when people blow their whistles, we don't like it and we don't  
25 like what we hear.

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1 I could summarize, and would love to be able to  
2 summarize, every letter that we highlighted in our submission  
3 to the Court, but I know that your Honor has read them and I  
4 know that your Honor will take them to heart. I've never  
5 really seen a collection of letters in which so many people had  
6 so many genuine good things to say about the human being and  
7 took the time to say it. Not because they thought it was  
8 right. That, I'm sure, was a piece of it. But to a large  
9 extent, your Honor, I believe they took the time because Jeremy  
10 took the time. Because he made it his life's work to take the  
11 time, to make that moment when he could make a positive impact  
12 on somebody else's life.

13 I would love to imagine what happens to the young  
14 children whose computer skills are improved by Jeremy's  
15 tutoring; the young students whose math skills are improved;  
16 the kids who don't make it at school and somehow connected with  
17 Jeremy; the teachers who wrote to the Court and said his  
18 enthusiasm was infectious and other students improved because  
19 they wanted to be more like Jeremy because his enthusiasm for  
20 learning was infectious.

21 I was told a story early on about Jeremy that I was  
22 unclear about how I would respond to it. And at the moment I  
23 thought, well, I was glad he wasn't my child. And I don't mean  
24 that anymore. But Jeremy went into an Apple computer store one  
25 day and was playing on the computers that are spread all over

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1 the store. And he hacked into their computer system and he put  
2 their financial data on the screen. All the screens. And it  
3 took a long time for them to-- not long. It took a while for  
4 them to figure out that that's what was happening. By the time  
5 they figured it out, all of the geniuses were at the bar-- and  
6 I use that word literary-- were at the bar in the back trying  
7 to figure out what had gone on. And the one person sitting  
8 there was Jeremy. And he said, "You know, your systems are  
9 really, really easily penetrated, but I can show you how to fix  
10 that." And he spent the rest of the afternoon making their  
11 systems impenetrable.

12 Now, is there a maliciousness in this? I don't think  
13 so. Is it fair to call it impish? I don't think so. On the  
14 other hand, he served a very real purpose to Apple at that  
15 particular time and he did it in a way that was probably more  
16 dramatic than was called for, but at the end of the day,  
17 everybody at Apple was extremely happy that Jeremy Hammond had  
18 been in the store that day. Not just in that store, but  
19 systemwide.

20 And I recount that story for the Court because I think  
21 that it does help us to understand that the government's view  
22 of the malicious nature of Jeremy's hactivism is not real. As  
23 Ms. Kunstler said, your Honor, motivation matters. And I think  
24 that here what motivated Jeremy, I think he's made it very  
25 clear in everything he's tried to do that his motivation



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1 matters. He's not motivated by personal financial gain. He's  
2 motivated in one of the more naive ways I've ever seen: To  
3 make this world a better place. And there are days when his  
4 hactivism doesn't really ring true. On the other hand, there  
5 are so many ways that I think at a time when our culture is  
6 undergoing extraordinary changes at a pace that I think we  
7 can't even appreciate, I think Jeremy Hammond has a handle on  
8 that.

9           Your Honor, Jeremy Hammond understands that you must  
10 sentence him today and that you must apply the laws that are in  
11 force at this moment. None of us has the benefit of history,  
12 hindsight, or changes that will no doubt take place in our  
13 thinking. Jeremy Hammond faces a guidelines sentence of ten  
14 years. He had several co-defendants in this case and the  
15 co-defendants have been sentenced to far less time than ten  
16 years. Two, I believe, got 32-month sentences and others got  
17 in the two-year range.

18           This Court has tremendous power and tremendous  
19 authority when it comes to sentencing. And I raise those other  
20 sentences by way of 3553 and the Court's ability to take into  
21 consideration great disparities in sentencing. But really,  
22 Judge, it is not the centerpiece of our argument on behalf of  
23 Jeremy Hammond. The centerpiece of our argument is a young man  
24 with high hopes and unbelievably laudable expectations and  
25 motivations. A young man who has made a very, very positive

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1 difference in the world around him.

2 And as I just circle back to the individuals on behalf  
3 of whom the government advocates on a regular basis in this  
4 courthouse, individuals that have killed as many people as they  
5 know, there is no hope that when they get out they'll do  
6 better, but they will get out. Jeremy Hammond has  
7 extraordinary range. He is a young man of great brilliance and  
8 great potential. And I think that if the Court were to give  
9 him the benefit of the doubt, that he will make a very positive  
10 difference in our world one day. And I commend that as my last  
11 thought to the Court.

12 Thank you, Judge.

13 THE COURT: Thank you, Ms. Kellman.

14 Mr. Hammond, do you wish to speak on your own behalf?

15 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.

16 MS. KUNSTLER: Could Mr. Hammond stand at the podium.

17 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am.

18 THE DEFENDANT: Sorry. I'm actually sick right now.

19 Good morning. My name is Jeremy Hammond and I'm here  
20 to be sentenced for hacking activities carried out during my  
21 involvement with Anonymous. I have been locked up at MCC for  
22 the past 20 months and I have had a lot of time to think about  
23 how I will explain my actions today.

24 But before I begin, I want to take a moment to  
25 recognize the work of the people who have supported me. I want

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1 to thank all the lawyers and others who have worked on my case:  
2 Elizabeth Fink, Susan Kellman, Sarah Kunstler, Emily Kunstler,  
3 Margaret Kunstler, Grainne O'Neill, and many others. I also  
4 want to thank the National Lawyers Guild, the Jeremy Hammond  
5 Defense Committee and Support Network, Free Anons, the  
6 Anonymous Solidarity Network, Anarchist Black Cross, and all  
7 others who have helped me by writing letters of support,  
8 sending me letters, attending my court dates, and spreading the  
9 word about my case. I also want to shout out all my brothers  
10 and sisters behind bars and those who are still out there  
11 fighting the power.

12 The acts of civil disobedience and direct action that  
13 I am being sentenced for today are in line with the principles  
14 of community and equality that have guided my life. Yes, I  
15 hacked into dozens of high-profile corporations and government  
16 institutions, understanding very clearly that what I was doing  
17 was against the law and that my actions could land me back in  
18 federal prison, but I felt I had an obligation to use my skills  
19 to expose and confront injustice and to bring the truth to  
20 light.

21 Now, could I have achieved the same goals through  
22 legal means? While I have tried everything from voting  
23 petitions to peaceful protests, I have found that those in  
24 power do not want the truth to be exposed. And that when we  
25 speak truth to power, we are ignored at best and brutally

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1 suppressed at worst. We are confronting a power structure that  
2 does not respect its own system of checks and balances, never  
3 mind the rights of its own citizens or the international  
4 community.

5 My introduction to politics was when George W. Bush  
6 stole the presidential election in 2000. Then he took  
7 advantage of the waves of racism and patriotism after 9/11 to  
8 launch unprovoked imperialist wars against Iraq and  
9 Afghanistan. And I took to the streets in protest naively  
10 believing that our voices would be heard in Washington and that  
11 we could stop the war. Instead, we were labeled as traitors,  
12 we were beaten, and arrested.

13 And I have been arrested for numerous acts of civil  
14 disobedience on the streets of Chicago, but it wasn't until  
15 2005 that I started using my computer skills to break the law  
16 as a form of political protest. I was arrested by the FBI for  
17 hacking into the computer systems of a right-wing, pro-war  
18 group called Protest Warrior, an organization that sold racist  
19 T-shirts on their website and regularly harassed anti-war  
20 groups. I was charged under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act,  
21 and the "intended loss" in my case was arbitrarily calculated  
22 by multiplying the five thousand credit cards in Protest  
23 Warrior's database by \$500, resulting in a total of \$2.5  
24 million lost. My sentencing guidelines were calculated on the  
25 basis of this "loss" even though not a single credit card was

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1 used or distributed, by me or anyone else. And for that I was  
2 sentenced to two years in prison.

3 And while in prison I have seen for myself the ugly  
4 reality of how the criminal justice system destroys the lives  
5 of the millions of people held captive behind bars. The  
6 experience solidified my opposition to repressive forms of  
7 power and the importance of standing up for what you believe.

8 When I was released, I was eager to continue my  
9 involvement in the struggle for social change. I didn't want  
10 to go back to prison, so I focused on aboveground community  
11 organizing. But over time I became frustrated with the  
12 limitations of peaceful protest, seeing it as reformist and  
13 ineffective. And all the time the Obama administration  
14 continued the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, escalated the use  
15 of drones, and failed to close Guantanamo Bay.

16 Around this time, I was following the work of groups  
17 like WikiLeaks and Anonymous. It was very inspiring to see the  
18 ideas of hactivism coming to fruition. I was particularly  
19 moved by the heroic actions of Chelsea Manning, who had exposed  
20 the atrocities committed by U.S. forces in Iraq and  
21 Afghanistan. She took an enormous personal risk to leak this  
22 information, believing that the public had a right to know and  
23 hoping that her disclosures would be a positive step to end  
24 these abuses. It is heart-wrenching to hear about her cruel  
25 treatment in military lockup.

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1 I thought long and hard about choosing this path  
2 again, and I had to ask myself if Chelsea Manning fell into the  
3 abysmal nightmare of prison fighting for truth, could I in good  
4 conscience do any less if I was able? I thought the best way  
5 to demonstrate solidarity was to continue the work of exposing  
6 and confronting corruption.

7 I was drawn to Anonymous because I believed in  
8 autonomous, decentralized direct action. At the time,  
9 Anonymous was involved in operations in support of the Arab  
10 Spring uprisings against censorship and in defense of  
11 WikiLeaks. I had a lot to contribute, including technical  
12 skills and how to better articulate ideas and goals. It was an  
13 exciting time, the birth of a digital dissent movement, where  
14 the definitions and capabilities of hactivism were being  
15 shaped.

16 I was especially interested in the work of the hackers  
17 of LulzSec, who were breaking into some significant targets and  
18 becoming increasingly political. Around this time, I first  
19 started talking to Sabu, who was very open about the hacks he  
20 supposedly committed, and he was encouraging hackers to unite  
21 and attack major government and corporate systems under the  
22 banner of Anti Security. But very early in my involvement, the  
23 other LulzSec hackers were arrested, leaving me to break into  
24 computer systems and write press releases. Later, I would  
25 learn that Sabu had been the first one arrested, and that the

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1 entire time I was talking to him, he was an FBI informant.

2           Anonymous was also involved in the early stages of  
3 Occupy Wall Street. I was regularly participating on the  
4 streets of Chicago as part of Occupy Chicago and I was very  
5 excited to see a worldwide mass movement against the  
6 injustices of capitalism and racism. In several short months--  
7 in several short months, the occupations came to an end, closed  
8 by police crackdowns and mass arrests of protestors who were  
9 kicked out of their own public parks. The repression of  
10 Anonymous and of the Occupy movement set the tone for AntiSec  
11 in the following months. Indeed, the majority of our hacks  
12 against police targets were in retaliation for the arrests of  
13 our comrades.

14           I targeted law enforcement systems because of the  
15 racism and inequality in which the criminal law is enforced. I  
16 targeted the manufacturers and distributors of military and  
17 police equipment who profit from weaponry used to advance U.S.  
18 political and economic interests abroad and to repress people  
19 at home. I targeted information security firms because they  
20 work in secret to protect government and corporate interests at  
21 the expense of individual rights, undermining and discrediting  
22 activists, journalists and other truth seekers and spreading  
23 disinformation.

24           I had never even heard of Stratfor until Sabu brought  
25 it to my attention. At the time Sabu was encouraging people to

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1 invade systems, and helping to strategize and facilitate  
2 attacks. He even provided me with vulnerabilities of targets  
3 passed on by other hackers, so it came as a great surprise when  
4 I learned that Sabu had been working for the FBI the entire  
5 time.

6 On December 4th, 2011, Sabu was approached by another  
7 hacker who had already broken into Stratfor's credit card  
8 database. Sabu, under the watchful eye of his government  
9 handlers, then brought the hack to AntiSec by inviting this  
10 hacker to our private chat room, where he supplied download  
11 links to the full credit card database as well as the initial  
12 vulnerability access point to Stratfor's systems.

13 I spent some time researching Stratfor and upon  
14 reviewing the information we were given, decided that their  
15 activities and client base made them a deserving target. I  
16 find it ironic that Stratfor's wealthy and powerful customer  
17 base had their credit cards used to donate to humanitarian  
18 organizations, but my main role in the attack was to retrieve  
19 Stratfor's private e-mail spools, which is where all the dirty  
20 secrets are typically found.

21 It took me more than a week to gain further access  
22 into Stratfor's internal systems, but I eventually broke into  
23 their mail server. There was so much information that we  
24 needed several servers of our own in order to transfer the  
25 e-mails. Sabu, who was involved with the operation at every



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1 step, offered a server, which was provided and monitored by the  
2 FBI. Over the next weeks, the e-mails were transferred, the  
3 credit cards were used for donations, and Stratfor's systems  
4 were defaced and destroyed. But why the FBI introduce us to  
5 the hacker who found the initial vulnerability and allow this  
6 hack to continue remains a mystery.

7 As a result of the Stratfor hack, some of the dangers  
8 of the unregulated private intelligence industry are now  
9 known. It had been revealed through WikiLeaks and other  
10 journalists around the world that Stratfor maintained a  
11 worldwide network of informants that they used to engage in  
12 intrusive and possibly illegal surveillance activities on  
13 behalf of large multi-national corporations.

14 After Stratfor, I continued to break into other  
15 targets, using a powerful "zero day exploit" allowing me  
16 administrator access to systems that ran the popular Plesk  
17 web-hosting platform. Sabu asked me many times for access to  
18 this exploit, which I consistently refused to give him.  
19 Without his own independent access, Sabu supplied me with  
20 lists of these vulnerable targets that he had found on Google.  
21 I broke into numerous websites that he supplied, uploaded the  
22 stolen e-mail accounts and databases onto Sabu's FBI server,  
23 and handed over passwords and back doors that enabled Sabu,  
24 and by extension the FBI handlers, to control these targets.

25 These intrusions, all of which were suggested by Sabu

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1 while cooperating with the FBI, affected thousands of domain  
2 names and consisted largely of foreign government websites,  
3 including those of Turkey, Brazil, Iran --

4 THE COURT: Mr. Hammond, you've just heard that we  
5 have redacted those. I would appreciate it if you did not read  
6 them out.

7 THE DEFENDANT: In one instance, Sabu and I provided  
8 access to hackers who went on to deface and destroy many  
9 websites belonging to the governments of many country names.

10 THE COURT: Thank you, sir.

11 THE DEFENDANT: I don't know how other information I  
12 provided to him may have been used, but I think the  
13 government's collection and use of this data needs to be  
14 investigated.

15 The government celebrates my conviction and  
16 imprisonment, hoping that it will close the door on the full  
17 story. I took responsibility for my actions by pleading  
18 guilty, but when will the government be made to answer for its  
19 own crimes?

20 The U.S. hypes the hacker threat in order to justify  
21 the multi-billion-dollar cybersecurity industrial complex, but  
22 it is also responsible for the same conduct it aggressively  
23 prosecutes and claims to work to prevent. This hypocrisy of  
24 law and order and the injustices caused by capitalism cannot be  
25 cured by institutional reform, but through civil disobedience

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1 and direct action.

2 Yes, I broke the law, but I believe that sometimes  
3 laws must be broken in order to make room for change. This is  
4 not to say that I do not have any regrets. I realize that I  
5 released the personal information of innocent people who have  
6 had nothing to do with the operations of the institutions that  
7 I had targeted. I apologize for the release of data that was  
8 harmful to individuals and that were irrelevant to my goals.  
9 I believe in the individual right to privacy, from government  
10 surveillance and from actors like myself, and I appreciate  
11 the irony of my own involvement in the trampling of these  
12 rights.

13 But I am committed to working to make this world a  
14 better place for all of us. I still believe in the importance  
15 of hactivism as a form of civil disobedience, but it is time  
16 for me to move on to other ways of seeking change. My time in  
17 prison has taken a toll on my family, friends and community,  
18 and I know that I am needed at home. I recognize that seven  
19 years ago I stood before a different federal judge facing  
20 similar charges, but this does not lessen the sincerity of what  
21 I have to say to you today.

22 It has taken a lot for me to write this, to explain my  
23 actions, knowing that doing so honestly could cost me many more  
24 years of life in prison. And I am aware that I could get as  
25 many as ten years, but I hope that I do not as I believe that

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1 there is still much work to be done.

2 So stay strong and keep struggling.

3 THE COURT: Thank you, sir.

4 Does the government wish to be heard?

5 MS. NIDIRY: Yes. Thank you, your Honor.

6 Jeremy Hammond was not a whistleblower. The way the  
7 government has-- the reason the government says that is not  
8 simply because we don't like what he did. The reason we say  
9 that is because of the evidence. And the evidence --

10 THE COURT: Ms. Nidiry, you're going to have to keep  
11 your voice up. You're dropping your voice at the end of the  
12 sentences.

13 MS. NIDIRY: The evidence regarding, in particular,  
14 his motivation-- and I'll get to other factors later. With  
15 regard to his motivation, as we set out in our submission, the  
16 evidence of his motivation that comes from what he said when he  
17 was anonymous, when he thought he wasn't going to get caught,  
18 that's when he explained to his co-conspirators why he was  
19 doing what he was doing. And what he said was I want to cause  
20 financial mayhem, mass mayhem. I am really excited because  
21 there is a home address of an FBI agent that we can release.  
22 Spend those credit cards. Go buy things on those credit cards.  
23 That's what he said when he was anonymous, when he was did not  
24 think he was going to get caught.

25 And when we sit here today, when the Court sits here

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1 today and tries to judge, to sentence him based on his  
2 offenses, 3553 obviously says you have to look at all of the  
3 factors, the nature and circumstances of the offense and, in  
4 particular, with regard to this defendant, I think the nature  
5 and the characteristics of the defendant.

6 Based on what we know he did, based on the evidence at  
7 the time, what we can say for sure is Jeremy Hammond was an  
8 experienced hacker who used his skills through a variety of  
9 different entities, from police retirement systems to the FTC's  
10 consumer protection websites to Arizona's State Public Safety  
11 website, releasing thousands of credit card information,  
12 personal information, home addresses, talking about releasing  
13 girlfriend pictures of police officers, personal e-mails, home  
14 addresses of retired police officers.

15 There is nothing about any of that that is relevant to  
16 political protest. There is nothing about any of that that is  
17 altruistic. There is nothing about any of that that is related  
18 to the injustices that Mr. Hammond sees in this world. There  
19 is no altruism in any of that conduct.

20 Now, when Mr. Hammond and his counsel stand up before  
21 this Court and refer to all of the letters of support for him,  
22 we don't have any doubt that Mr. Hammond has done some good  
23 things in his life. As the Court sentences people all the  
24 time, you know that there are people who come before the Court  
25 who do good, who have also committed crimes. The fact is you

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1 have to pay for the crimes that you commit. And Mr. Hammond  
2 has stood before this Court and-- well, actually, Mr. Hammond  
3 has stood before this Court before. He has stood before a  
4 federal court before and he has said the same things.

5 And at the time he was given leniency. He said I did  
6 it for the same reasons. I did it out of altruism, out of some  
7 idea of political protest, and the Court gave him leniency.  
8 And what Mr. Hammond did with that leniency was to go out and  
9 do it again. Do it again on an exponentially larger scale.  
10 That was one website; now it is tens of hundreds of websites.  
11 That was five thousand credit cards; now it is thousands, tens  
12 of thousands of credit cards. That was one political website  
13 he disagreed with; now it's been tens of websites that are  
14 political, that are state and local municipal governments, that  
15 are related to retirement, related to public safety. I mean,  
16 just across the board creating-- just wreaking havoc, which is  
17 exactly what he said he wanted to do.

18 Now, Ms. Kellman compared as part of, obviously, 3553,  
19 the Court has to consider the way in which the sentence that  
20 Mr. Hammond gets compares to others similarly situated. And  
21 his co-defendants did get lesser sentences in the UK, and there  
22 is a reason for that. They are in the situation that  
23 Mr. Hammond was in 2006. No prior convictions. They hadn't  
24 done this before and they were much younger.

25 THE COURT: And they what?

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1 MS. NIDIRY: They were much younger. They were  
2 basically-- I believe they were in their 19s to early 20s at  
3 the time of the offenses.

4 Mr. Hammond now comes before the Court having done--  
5 having been in their situation eight years ago and told the  
6 Court he had learned a lesson, or told the Court, you know, I  
7 did this for this reason and I understand that that was  
8 something that I shouldn't have done. And now he comes before  
9 the Court again and there is nothing in what he said to the  
10 Court that makes-- that should give the Court any comfort that  
11 he will not do this again. There's nothing that he said  
12 before, and particularly given that he said the same thing  
13 before, and he just went out and did it again.

14 I think it's unfortunate, that he obviously has a lot  
15 of skill that he has chosen repeatedly to use for harm, used to  
16 hurt other people, used to hurt thousands of people that he's  
17 never met, who did nothing to him. And with regard to this one  
18 question of the fact that he did not do this for personal gain,  
19 I think that that's true. I think that that only gets you so  
20 far. If you steal a lot of credit cards and you don't use them  
21 yourself, it's still a crime if you tell other people to use  
22 them. It's still a crime if you release them out in the public  
23 and you don't care who uses them.

24 And so the fact that he didn't do these crimes for  
25 personal gain is-- you know, it basically just means that-- it

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1 only means that: He didn't do it for personal gain. It  
2 doesn't mean that these crimes weren't harmful. It doesn't  
3 mean that these crimes he committed didn't hurt people, didn't  
4 hurt the public, didn't endanger the public safety of people,  
5 particularly in the state of Arizona, did not hurt consumers,  
6 did not hurt retired police officers and just vast logs of  
7 people whom he harmed.

8 I think, also, that Mr. Hammond has made an effort to  
9 try and deflect responsibility for his role in particular in  
10 the Stratfor hack. He says he accepts responsibility because  
11 he pled, but now in his submission and today he talks a lot  
12 about how it was essentially the FBI cooperator who set him up  
13 to do it.

14 The fact is that Mr. Hammond came to the conspiracy  
15 six months earlier with the Arizona Department of Public Safety  
16 hack, which he himself had done and he brought it eagerly. And  
17 when, in the course of the conspiracy, obviously as they're  
18 investigating it, they need to try and figure out who these  
19 various people are. And Mr. Hammond was there and as the  
20 evidence shows, once he learned about the Stratfor hack, he was  
21 the one who delved into it and who perfected it. He was the  
22 one who was directing the co-conspirators in the chat room  
23 about what to do with the credit cards. Go buy onion servers,  
24 go donate to this. He was the one who basically spent hours,  
25 in his own words, before he was arrested, he was the one who



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1 was explaining what they have and what they could do with it.

2 So he was not a mere bystander who released e-mail  
3 spools. He was the person who was in the middle of this hack,  
4 who collected all of the information and released it, including  
5 the credit card numbers and all of the other personal  
6 information.

7 I think that based on all of the harm that this  
8 defendant did to the thousands of people, to the public, the  
9 cost to the states, the cost to public safety, based on his own  
10 statements about his motivations before he was arrested, based  
11 on his role in the offense and based on the fact that he stands  
12 before this Court, having stood before another federal court  
13 before, there is no reason to think that 120 months is not a  
14 sufficient-- is not warranted in this case. Under 3553, I  
15 think the evidence shows that 120 months is sufficient-- is  
16 an appropriate sentence that is not more than what is  
17 warranted.

18 Thank you.

19 THE COURT: Ms. Kunstler, Ms. Kellman, did you wish to  
20 add anything?

21 MS. KELLMAN: If I may, Judge, just briefly.

22 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am.

23 MS. KELLMAN: I want to be clear about just a few  
24 things that I think it's fair to say that will come into the  
25 Court's consideration, I imagine. And the first is at no time

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1 do I perceive anything that Mr. Hammond has said or anything in  
2 our submission meant to suggest -- and I think the Court knows  
3 that it doesn't suggest -- that in any way, manner, shape or  
4 form Jeremy Hammond is suggesting that he is somehow  
5 deflecting responsibility and claiming that he was set up. He  
6 has never said anything like that. He does not feel that way,  
7 nor do I think either of his counsel has said anything that  
8 way.

9           What Mr. Hammond has said, and has stood by, is that  
10 the government's cooperator who was being supervised by the FBI  
11 certainly helped him focus on the kinds of targets the FBI was  
12 interested in having him focus on. Did he go along willingly?  
13 He certainly did. Was he intrigued at his ability to  
14 accomplish these hacks? He was. But the notion that he  
15 somehow seeks to deflect his responsibility I think is  
16 completely erroneous.

17           He was in the moment certainly happy to cooperate with  
18 the government's cooperator, clearly having no idea that he was  
19 just that, a government's cooperator, but that is not to  
20 suggest at all that he doesn't understand that what he did, he  
21 did of his own choice, of his own free will. And I think that  
22 that's an unfair suggestion on the part of the government.

23           I do think, as Mr. Hammond said, that he recognizes  
24 the irony in the use of the credit cards having been used for  
25 good works in its own twisted way. I don't suggest for a

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1 moment, nor does he, that it justifies what happened with those  
2 credit cards. And he recognizes and has apologized for the use  
3 of anybody's private personal-- personal credit cards on the  
4 one hand. On the other hand, as the government concedes,  
5 nothing that was acquired in this way was used in any way to  
6 line his pockets or to in any way increase his financial  
7 position.

8 I think it's important to also point out, Judge, that  
9 in our view it's unfair for the government to say that he's  
10 been in this situation before and he's not learned his lesson.  
11 Jeremy Hammond has spent 20 months in prison. The government  
12 argues that our request for a nonguidelines sentence should be  
13 ignored because Jeremy has already had leniency. I think that  
14 that's an unfair statement.

15 In 2006, your Honor, Jeremy Hammond, 19 years old,  
16 received a two-year sentence for hacking a website of an  
17 organization that targeted war protestors. This offense, his  
18 first felony, was committed, as I said, as a teenager and  
19 resulted in his prior sentence. But while the sentence was, in  
20 fact, a departure from the guidelines, which the government  
21 highlights in its own papers, the reality is that the loss  
22 numbers, which drove the sentencing guidelines in the first  
23 instance, were extraordinarily and artificially inflated. They  
24 were based on fictional losses, which of course we all  
25 recognize the guidelines has the ability to do, but we also

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1 recognize the unfairness in that sort of calculation because in  
2 that case the credit cards were never used. The probation  
3 department assigned an arbitrary average amount that could have  
4 been abused to every card and multiplied and came up with an  
5 astronomical potential loss figure, notwithstanding that there  
6 was no loss in that case at all. And so I think that while the  
7 sentence itself constituted a departure, the reality is that it  
8 was a departure based on a fiction to begin with.

9 Mr. Hammond stands before the Court, your Honor, fully  
10 accepting of his role in this case and of his responsibilities,  
11 understanding what his hacks have caused in terms of the harm  
12 that the government sees and points out to the Court, but also  
13 understanding that the work that he did has, to some extent,  
14 opened all of our eyes to what's been happening behind closed  
15 doors in a corporate America that is less transparent than our  
16 government ought to be to us.

17 I just want to read, if I may, Judge, in closing --

18 THE COURT: Before you finish, Ms. Kellman, I didn't  
19 understand your second point where you were talking about the  
20 government's position that Mr. Hammond had been in this  
21 situation before and hasn't learned his lesson. I'm not sure  
22 how you're distinguishing the other situation.

23 MS. KELLMAN: Your Honor --

24 THE COURT: I take your point on the loss amount.

25 MS. KELLMAN: Yes, ma'am.

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1 THE COURT: But I'm not understanding the "didn't  
2 learn your lesson" part.

3 MS. KELLMAN: Well, I think that-- fair enough, Judge.  
4 I think that the learning the lesson piece is an important  
5 factor here, Judge, because I think that --

6 THE COURT: I do, too. That's why I'm asking.

7 MS. KELLMAN: I know. I think that Mr. Hammond has  
8 tried his best, your Honor, to explain to you that from the  
9 time he was released from prison on that sentence until the  
10 time he was arrested here, he did what he thought was  
11 everything he could to try to open up what he thought were  
12 abuses and tried to air abuses that he thought were going on  
13 behind closed doors.

14 And he lost his way and thought that the only way he  
15 could make the impact was with the skill that he has, and that  
16 is hactivism. And in a sense it's one of the reasons, Judge,  
17 that I did want to read, if I may, from-- and then I'll get  
18 back to the Court's point because I do know how important it  
19 is.

20 But Professor Peter Ludlow from Northwestern  
21 University speaks, I think to a large extent -- he's, I think,  
22 a professor of philosophy at Northwestern, and he took the time  
23 to write a very thoughtful letter to your Honor. And I think  
24 that he helps-- he helped me to understand what it was that  
25 Jeremy's goals were here and what Jeremy's work has meant in

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1 terms of its impact on our culture. And, yes, he has done  
2 what he did before, but he believes that he did it with a  
3 higher purpose. It wasn't a purpose to hurt, but a purpose to  
4 expand everybody's understanding of what's been going on  
5 vis-a-vis the public security-- public intelligence community  
6 and the private connections that its made, the private  
7 corporate connections that it's made, and the way that that  
8 masks what our government is doing to the average person.

9 Professor Ludlow writes that "Jeremy Hammond's  
10 exploratory hacks helped expose the scope and nature of the  
11 private intelligence industry. Along the way he exposed a  
12 well-organized and well-funded system of deception and  
13 targeting American citizens and other populations worldwide.  
14 He showed that the deceptions were systematic, sometimes  
15 illegal, and oftentimes nothing more than extraordinarily  
16 disturbing.

17 "Few people realize that in addition to the familiar  
18 U.S. government intelligence agencies-- the FBI, the NSA and  
19 the CIA-- and military intelligence operations, there are also  
20 a number of private intelligence corporations, a sector of the  
21 intelligence community that was not well known, but was massive  
22 in its scope.

23 "Tim Shorrock, author of *Spies for Hire: The Secret*  
24 *World of Intelligence Outsourcing*, cites government estimates  
25 that by 2006 \$42 billion of the \$60 billion spent annually by

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1 the United States government on foreign and domestic  
2 intelligence was going to private intelligence firms, meaning  
3 that about 70 percent of the money spent on intelligence was  
4 being outsourced to entities over which the American public had  
5 no ability to learn. This also means that most of the  
6 intelligence activities take place outside of the oversight  
7 that governments have put in place lo these many years,  
8 oversights that apply to the CIA, the NSA and the FBI. And  
9 of course the American U.S. government is far from the only  
10 customer of these services. They also provide intelligence  
11 services to multi-national corporations and lobbying  
12 groups."

13 I know that the Court has read our submissions with  
14 respect to some of the specific good that Jeremy's work has  
15 accomplished. And specifically, just for examples, I speak  
16 about the exposure of some of the e-mails that had to do with  
17 People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, the PETA  
18 litigation, and also the Bhopal situation.

19 And I think that those things on balance, your Honor,  
20 those kinds of disclosures and those kinds of-- and I don't  
21 mean the specific disclosures, but the notion that those things  
22 have been able to be kept under the radar and under the wire by  
23 systems that were designed to make them unavailable to the  
24 public are far more-- are far more of an irritant -- I think is  
25 just so not strong enough a word -- but far more of an irritant

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1 than a young man, 19 years old, making what the government  
2 views as the same mistake, but what he views -- and it is what  
3 it is, Judge. He views what he does as extraordinary-- as  
4 having an extraordinarily positive impact. He understands it  
5 breaks the law. He has urged the Court in writing, through our  
6 papers and in his own words, that this is his form of civil  
7 disobedience and that he hopes it will bring about a change  
8 that we need to have in the way our government outsources the  
9 works that it doesn't want its citizens to know about.

10           You know, when the settlers in the 1600s decided that  
11 they didn't want to be a part of the British Empire, their  
12 work, their good work, became known as the Revolutionary War.  
13 And had they not stood up to the king and said, We don't want  
14 to live this way anymore, we want to be able to make our own  
15 rules -- I don't suggest that Jeremy Hammond ought to be able  
16 to make the rules for this country. I do suggest that it is a  
17 very extraordinary step for a young man to take to not be  
18 afraid of the consequences; to be able to say I think what our  
19 government is doing ought to be exposed to the light, without  
20 making a judgment it's right or it's wrong, but it needs to be  
21 exposed to the light.

22           And I think that to make the analogy in the sense that  
23 the government does, that he did it wrong once and he's doing  
24 it again and it's criminal once and it's criminal again, in  
25 some respects -- and I certainly don't mean to be



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1 disrespectful -- is in some respects to not recognize what he  
2 hoped to accomplish, and that is to open everybody's eyes to  
3 what it is our government is doing.

4           You know, I was fascinated by listening to  
5 congressional hearings, as I have in the last few months, about  
6 the impact of disclosures like WikiLeaks and Anonymous and the  
7 like. And the members of Congress saying, well, I had no idea.  
8 I had no idea. I didn't know this was going on. I doubt  
9 that's accurate, and I think we know to some extent it's not  
10 accurate.

11           But I do think that a tremendous amount of pressure is  
12 now being put on government to say-- to reevaluate what it is  
13 that we, as a government, ought to be able to keep secret,  
14 ought to be able to make public. And it is the beginning, I  
15 believe, of this debate and not the end of it. Because we are  
16 as a culture, as a digital culture, moving so-- moving quickly,  
17 moving forward so quickly, and maybe faster than some of us  
18 move. Maybe faster than institutions move.

19           But I think that it is in a way sophomoric to suggest  
20 that the only thing that Jeremy did here had bad impact on our  
21 country and was bad because it broke the law. He recognizes  
22 that what he did broke the law. And I think that-- and I hope  
23 that he recognizes that he can be an incredibly positive  
24 influence without breaking the law from outside a prison cell;  
25 that he can accomplish a lot more within the framework of our

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1 government than he can by being locked in a prison cell where  
2 he has no access to the people he'd like to touch and the lives  
3 he'd like to reach.

4 And I hope that that-- I think that that resonates  
5 inside of him. I hope that it was communicated to the Court in  
6 his statements. He recognizes what he did violated the law.  
7 He hopes that somebody can see, that the Court can see, that  
8 there is a higher purpose. And whether that higher purpose,  
9 Judge, is enough to -- certainly I recognize this Court's not  
10 going to say, Oh, yeah, great idea and, you know, no  
11 punishment. That isn't to say that a sentence of time served  
12 with a humongous community service component, which is  
13 something that this young man excels at and something that  
14 comes from inside what is very, very good about Jeremy Hammond,  
15 will make a substantial difference in his world and also in our  
16 world.

17 Thank you, Judge.

18 THE COURT: Thank you.

19 MS. KUNSTLER: Your Honor, if I may.

20 THE COURT: Counselor.

21 MS. KUNSTLER: I just want to speak a little bit to  
22 the piece of Mr. Hammond having-- this being Mr. Hammond's  
23 second offense, second similar offense.

24 Your Honor, I've read, and I'm sure the Court has the  
25 transcript the government provided from the first-- from his

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1 first sentencing from the hacking offense when he was 19. And  
2 I've worked with Mr. Hammond on his statement today and talked  
3 to him and listened to what he finally came to in terms of what  
4 his insight is and what he plans to do and what his future  
5 holds for him.

6 You know, over the past two years that I've known him  
7 in this case, we've spent a lot of time talking about that.  
8 And I don't think it's fair for the government to say he's  
9 saying the same thing again, because I don't think he's saying  
10 the same thing again. I think that Jeremy Hammond at 28 is  
11 different from Jeremy Hammond at 19. I think-- and I was  
12 looking at the text of what he read to the Court several  
13 minutes earlier. You know, I think after the first two  
14 years he spent in prison, and the almost two years he spent  
15 now, have had an impact on him. We've spoken about this  
16 impact.

17 Jeremy Hammond told the Court that he's committed to  
18 making this world a better place. That he still believes in  
19 the importance of hactivism as a form of civil disobedience,  
20 but that he recognizes that it's time for him to move on to  
21 other ways of seeking change.

22 He also has the insight to recognize the toll that his  
23 time in prison has taken on his friends, family and community,  
24 and that he's needed at home. These are the words of a  
25 28-year-old person who thinks differently about the world and

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1 his role in it than the 19-year-old person who did the  
2 Protest Warrior hack and the person who spoke at his prior  
3 sentencing. I think there is a substantive difference in what  
4 he's saying and how he feels about what he plans to do with his  
5 future.

6 Thank you.

7 THE COURT: Thank you.

8 Anything else from the government?

9 MS. NIDIRY: No, your Honor. Thank you.

10 THE COURT: Are there any victims here who wish to be  
11 heard?

12 MR. SUKER: I'm a victim.

13 THE COURT: Thank you. Yes, sir. Come forward,  
14 please.

15 And, sir, the second man who put his hand up, if you  
16 come forward so you're up here when it's time. Come and have a  
17 seat here in front of the rail, sir.

18 Sir, would you come up and tell us your name,  
19 please.

20 MR. SUKER: David Suker.

21 THE COURT: Excuse me, sir. Won't you sit right there  
22 by the rail. Yes, sir. Thank you.

23 Yes, sir.

24 MR. SUKER: David Suker.

25 THE COURT: Spell it, please, sir.

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1 MR. SUKER: S-u-k-e-r.

2 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

3 MR. SUKER: I'm a victim because of the FBI  
4 repression.

5 THE COURT: Are you a victim of the crime?

6 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

7 THE COURT: Okay.

8 THE DEFENDANT: I've been repressed --

9 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, it makes it very  
10 difficult for me to hear and very difficult for the court  
11 reporter to take it down if there's noise.

12 How are you a victim of this crime, sir?

13 MR. SUKER: I've been under surveillance by the FBI  
14 and the United States --

15 THE COURT: You're not a victim of Mr. Hammond's  
16 crime, sir.

17 MR. SUKER: Okay. All right.

18 THE COURT: You may be seated, sir.

19 MR. SUKER: No, no, no, no. I'm going to finish.

20 THE MARSHAL: Sir, have a seat.

21 MR. SUKER: My son is being taken away from me.

22 THE MARSHAL: Have a seat.

23 MR. SUKER: All power to the people.

24 THE MARSHAL: Have a seat.

25 MR. SUKER: All power to the people.

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1 THE COURT: Is there another victim of Mr. Hammond's  
2 crime?

3 Come right up, sir. Tell me your name, sir.

4 MR. TOCCE: My name is Vincent Louis Tocce.

5 THE COURT: Spell your last name, please, sir.

6 MR. TOCCE: T-o-c-c-e. It's Italian.

7 THE COURT: Thank you.

8 MR. TOCCE: It's pronounced Tocce in Italian.

9 THE COURT: Thank you. How are you have a victim of  
10 Mr. Hammond's crime?

11 MR. TOCCE: Well, Mr. Hammond's friends have been  
12 harassing me on-line ever since he's been in jail.

13 THE COURT: Talk to me.

14 MR. TOCCE: Okay. All right. I'm sorry.

15 THE COURT: It's very hard to hear if you're not in  
16 the microphone.

17 MR. TOCCE: Got you. Thank you.

18 I-- first of all, I'm a victim of the CFAA myself. I  
19 was convicted of a federal crime. I pleaded -- pled guilty to  
20 unauthorized access to protect a computer. So I'm kind of  
21 familiar with --

22 THE COURT: Okay. But tell me how Mr. Hammond's crime  
23 affected you, sir.

24 MR. TOCCE: Okay. Okay. No problem. I'll make it  
25 brief. Over the past year, I've gotten to know some of

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1 Jeremy's friends, and I've had to change my home phone number.  
2 I don't have a home phone number anymore. I don't have a home  
3 address. You can look me up on the internet. Try to find  
4 where I live. I don't have a house anymore.

5 THE COURT: How did Mr. Hammond's crime affect you,  
6 sir?

7 MR. TOCCE: His sympathizers -- his sympathizers have  
8 been hounding me for over a year. I have had my parents' house  
9 swatted. Do you know what swatting is?

10 THE COURT: I don't, sir. Sir. Sir. Sir, if you  
11 want me to understand you --

12 MR. TOCCE: I'm a victim.

13 THE COURT: Okay. Sir, if you want me to understand  
14 you, talk to me.

15 MR. TOCCE: You got it.

16 THE COURT: All right.

17 MR. TOCCE: Just me and you.

18 THE COURT: Yes.

19 MR. TOCCE: I apologize. I apologize. Okay.

20 THE COURT: Now, remember, Mr. Hammond's crime was  
21 hacking and distributing information.

22 MR. TOCCE: Yes.

23 THE COURT: How did that injure you?

24 MR. TOCCE: I was in contact with his colleague, his  
25 direct comrade, Hector Xavier Monsegur. And Hector-- I spoke

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1 with Hector on several occasions. Hector found out where I was  
2 living. He found out my-- he had a-- he had a woman come to my  
3 house and live in my house with me. I had sex with this woman.  
4 He-- I can't even tell you all the stuff that's happened, but  
5 let's just say I've had to change my cell phone number five  
6 times. Now I don't have a cell phone number because I'm tired  
7 of changing it. Okay?

8           These Anonymous people-- I'm sorry. I'm sorry.  
9 These Anonymous kids are misguided. They-- I understand  
10 their-- I understand their frustration. I get it. But I don't  
11 think they have-- I don't think they know the right way to get  
12 their message across. And it's obvious that they have to  
13 resort to harassment to do that, and I don't think that's cool  
14 at all.

15           I've got-- I've gotten to-- after I found out about  
16 Jeremy and Hector -- I never knew-- never knew that Jeremy was  
17 one of the people who was harassing me. And I certainly didn't  
18 know Hector was. Hector was very friendly to me. He was very  
19 friendly to me.

20           THE COURT: All right. Have we about covered the  
21 damage, sir?

22           MR. TOCCE: Okay. Oh, sorry. Damage. I'll stay on  
23 the damages. You're right. Sorry. Okay. So I no longer have  
24 a cell phone.

25           THE COURT: I got that.



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1 MR. TOCCE: I no longer have a home. I have a family  
2 who Anonymous posted-- Anonymous posted-- Anonymous posted my  
3 parents' home address and Social Security numbers on a website  
4 called DocSpin. Have you heard of DocSpin?

5 THE COURT: Oh, sure.

6 MR. TOCCE: No, it's a serious question.

7 THE COURT: I haven't.

8 MR. TOCCE: You have not?

9 THE COURT: No.

10 MR. TOCCE: I would suggest you look into it.

11 THE COURT: All right, sir.

12 MR. TOCCE: Please. Because I'm on DocSpin --

13 THE COURT: And what else, sir? I take it-- sir, I  
14 take it that exposes it to the world.

15 MR. TOCCE: Exactly.

16 THE COURT: All right.

17 MR. TOCCE: And it's essentially like a repository for  
18 hackers and ne'er-do-wellers to find people, match their nicks,  
19 their nicknames, with who they are and then harass them, their  
20 family --

21 THE COURT: All right. And that happened to your  
22 parents, sir.

23 MR. TOCCE: My parents were swatted. My parents live  
24 in San Jose, California. I'll give you their address if you  
25 want.

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1 THE COURT: That's not necessary, sir.

2 MR. TOCCE: Okay. Oh, by the way, it's on DocSpin if  
3 you want to see it.

4 So one night-- I do a pod cast. And my podcast --  
5 since I'm a cybercriminal, I do a podcast that caters to  
6 hackers, internet trolls, all those assholes. Excuse my  
7 French. Some of these people are friendly actually, believe it  
8 or not.

9 THE COURT: Damage.

10 MR. TOCCE: Damage. Okay, damage. I've had-- I've  
11 had three computers rooted. Do you know what rooted is?

12 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

13 MR. TOCCE: Yes.

14 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, this is not funny.

15 MR. TOCCE: It's not funny. I'm not trying --

16 THE COURT: Shh. This is a serious proceeding. I am  
17 required to ask for victims to speak and I would appreciate a  
18 little quiet in here.

19 Sir, damage.

20 MR. TOCCE: Where was-- where did I leave off?

21 THE COURT: Rooted.

22 MR. TOCCE: Rooted. Okay. I've had --

23 THE COURT: Three.

24 MR. TOCCE: -- at least three.

25 THE COURT: Got it.

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1 MR. TOCCE: At least three computers rooted. I'm  
2 now-- my cell phone is downstairs. The last cell phone I had  
3 was a Nokia Brick. You ever heard of that?

4 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

5 MR. TOCCE: That was my cell phone.

6 THE COURT: Okay.

7 MR. TOCCE: Because I didn't want anybody to-- any of  
8 these assholes -- excuse my French -- to get into that  
9 because --

10 THE COURT: Okay. So we've --

11 MR. TOCCE: Because cell phones are vulnerable too,  
12 right?

13 THE COURT: Yes, sir. We've pretty much covered the  
14 damage though, right?

15 MR. TOCCE: No, we haven't.

16 THE COURT: All right. What else?

17 MR. TOCCE: Emotional damage.

18 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

19 MR. TOCCE: I spoke with Hector Xavier Monsegur at  
20 least five times on the phone through his-- through his  
21 e-girlfriend who went by Kieshu Zykova. Do you know Kieshu  
22 Zykova?

23 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

24 MR. TOCCE: Okay. Kieshu Zykova is the one who I  
25 fucked.

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1 THE COURT: Sir--

2 MR. TOCCE: And--

3 THE COURT: -- I want to know the damage.

4 MR. TOCCE: This is--

5 THE COURT: You're telling me --

6 MR. TOCCE: This is the emotional damage.

7 THE COURT: Let's hear it.

8 MR. TOCCE: Okay? These people played with my mind.

9 Hector-- okay. Hector never told me-- he never said anything  
10 like what he said to Jeremy, like tried to get me to do  
11 anything. In fact, I think Hector was actually trying to warn  
12 me. He said --

13 THE COURT: Okay. But that's not damage.

14 MR. TOCCE: No -- well, let me get to this.

15 THE COURT: All right. Let's get to it now.

16 MR. TOCCE: Okay. All right. Let's just put it this  
17 way: Hector spooked me. Bad. When all of the LulzSec people  
18 were gone, I was starting to fear for my life. I didn't know  
19 who I was dealing with. I was-- I was-- I was very -- I was  
20 very scared. At the same time this is when I'm getting prank  
21 calls, I'm getting text bombed. You ever --

22 THE COURT: Yes.

23 MR. TOCCE: -- been text bombed?

24 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

25 MR. TOCCE: You ever been pizza bombed? I was pizza

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1 bombed several times. You ever been Chinese food bombed?

2 THE COURT: I think I've got the picture.

3 MR. TOCCE: Okay.

4 THE COURT: Anything else, sir, that you wish to add  
5 that you haven't said to me?

6 MR. TOCCE: I think the emotional damage is -- was the  
7 most-- the most hurtful because I eventually left the internet.  
8 Once I saw that all of Hector's friends were gone and put in  
9 jail, I decided I needed to get out.

10 THE COURT: All right, sir.

11 MR. TOCCE: And-- okay. So I went dark on the  
12 internet and then I went into a deep depression. I have  
13 medical records, I have doctors' notes, I have prescriptions.  
14 I have proof if you want it.

15 THE COURT: All right, sir.

16 MR. TOCCE: I can send it to you.

17 THE COURT: That's not necessary. I believe you, sir.

18 MR. TOCCE: Okay. All right. I went into at least a  
19 30-day deep, dark depression. A lot of the feelings that I  
20 had-- have you heard of Aaron Swartz?

21 THE COURT: Yes, sir. I think we probably have this  
22 down.

23 MR. TOCCE: Okay. I had the same feelings as Aaron  
24 Swartz. I wanted to kill myself. Literally. I literally  
25 wanted to kill myself.

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1 THE COURT: Yes, sir, I heard you.

2 MR. TOCCE: I wanted to throw myself in front of a  
3 train several times -- I almost did -- because of Anonymous.  
4 Because of fucking Anonymous.

5 THE COURT: I think I have the picture. I thank you  
6 for letting me know, sir.

7 MR. TOCCE: Thank you, Judge.

8 THE COURT: Won't you be seated, sir.

9 MS. KELLMAN: Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Yes, Ms. Kellman.

11 MS. KELLMAN: If I may, Judge, and I know that the  
12 Court has the submissions, but the Court did ask to hear from  
13 victims. And in our submission, your Honor, we did cite two  
14 letters from victims. And if I may just read our comments.  
15 The letters are attached to our submission.

16 THE COURT: I did see them, but if you would like to  
17 read it, you're welcome to do so.

18 MS. KELLMAN: Thank you, Judge.

19 Among the letters, your Honor, that we submitted  
20 seeking leniency on behalf of Mr. Hammond's motivations are two  
21 letters from former clients and subscribers of Stratfor,  
22 victims of Mr. Hammond's conduct. In one letter, Anthony C.  
23 Arthur, a radio operator living in Canada and former Stratfor  
24 subscriber, cites Mr. Hammond's political motivations as what  
25 he believes the Court should-- and thus believes that the Court

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1 should be lenient in Mr. Hammond's case. He wrote,  
2 "Mr. Hammond's break-in of the Stratfor computers was clearly  
3 a political protest that ultimately showed that he had no  
4 intent to profit from the data uncovered by these hacks," And  
5 that letter is attached, your Honor, to our submission as  
6 C-21. Mr. Arthur expressed his opinion that he views the hack  
7 "as a catalyst for Stratfor, its customers" -- including  
8 himself -- "to utilize better computer security practices.

9 Similarly, Nigel Parry, Stratfor client and freelance  
10 journalist and web designer from St. Paul, Minnesota, has asked  
11 the Court for leniency on behalf of Mr. Hammond.

12 THE COURT: Thank you, Ms. Kellman.

13 MS. KELLMAN: Thank you, Judge.

14 THE COURT: Counsel, as you've heard, I have  
15 calculated the guidelines and taken them into account. In my  
16 view, the guidelines accurately reflect the nature and  
17 circumstances of the offense, but probably more needs to be  
18 said on that.

19 As we've heard today, Mr. Hammond claims that he  
20 committed this crime with the best of intentions and sought  
21 only to disclose information the public deserved to know and to  
22 steal from the rich and give to the poor. But this ignores  
23 Mr. Hammond's own words concerning his true motivations -- and  
24 I do believe with counsel that motivations count -- and it  
25 ignores the widespread harm suffered by countless individuals

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1 and organizations as a result of Mr. Hammond's hacks.

2 It is, in fact, clear that his aim was to break into  
3 critical computer systems, steal data, deface websites, destroy  
4 files, and dump on-line the sensitive personal and financial  
5 information of thousands of individuals, all with the objective  
6 of creating -- in Mr. Hammond's words -- "maximum mayhem."

7 These are not the actions of Martin Luther King,  
8 Nelson Mandela, John Adams, or even Daniel Ellsberg. In the  
9 Stratfor hack, Mr. Hammond disclosed an enormous amount of  
10 confidential information, not even remotely in the public  
11 interest. He disclosed account information for some 860,000  
12 Stratfor clients and about 60,000 credit card numbers belonging  
13 to Stratfor clients. He also defaced the Stratfor website and  
14 deleted all of the data on the company's computer servers,  
15 effectively shutting down the company's operations for weeks,  
16 costing it millions in lost business and in recovery costs.

17 He talks about using credit card information to create  
18 "financial mayhem" and said that "an equally important part is  
19 destroying their servers and dumping their user address list  
20 and private e-mails with the goal of destroying the target,  
21 hoping for bankruptcy, collapse."

22 With respect to the Stratfor hack, Mr. Hammond also  
23 said "The sheer amount of destruction we wreaked on Stratfor's  
24 servers is the digital equivalent of a nuclear bomb, leveling  
25 their systems in such a way that they will never be able to



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1 recover....for weeks we used and abused their customer credit  
2 card information....and if dumping everything on their  
3 employees and clients weren't enough to guarantee their  
4 bankruptcy, we laid waste to their web server, their mail  
5 server, their development server, their clear space and SRM  
6 Intranet portal and backup archives in such a way that ensures  
7 they won't be coming back on-line any time soon."

8 In addition to the Stratfor hack, Mr. Hammond admits  
9 to attacking several other entities, ranging from state and  
10 federal governmental agencies to police officers' associations  
11 to private corporations, all of which suffered significant  
12 financial and reputational harm. Those hacks harmed many  
13 individuals and entities with little or no connection to  
14 Mr. Hammond's supposed political motivation for the crimes.

15 Mr. Hammond admits that he hacked the Arizona  
16 Department of Public Safety website and claims that he did it  
17 to expose certain law enforcement policies that he opposes.  
18 But his attack went far beyond that. For example, he published  
19 the personal information about Arizona law enforcement agents  
20 and their families. Among other individuals harmed, a retired  
21 police officer and his wife, whose unlisted home phone number  
22 was released as a result of that hack, received hundreds of  
23 harassing phone calls for weeks and threats, including threats  
24 of physical violence.

25 Similarly, in the Boston Police Patrolmen's

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1 Association hack, Mr. Hammond said "We gotta target the  
2 officers individually."

3 In addition, in the Arizona hack, that hack forced the  
4 Public Safety Department to shut down vital computer systems,  
5 including Arizona's sex offender website, fingerprint  
6 identification system, and Amber alert system, which, as you  
7 know, allows the state to notify the public of missing or  
8 abducted children.

9 Even one of Mr. Hammond's colleagues, Jake Davis, was  
10 disturbed by the invasiveness and purposelessness of the  
11 Arizona attack. He said, "I thought this hack has gone way too  
12 far. There's no point to this thing. It's just harming police  
13 officers....this doesn't entertain anybody or help anybody  
14 anywhere."

15 Mr. Hammond seems to think of himself as a modern-day  
16 Robin Hood because he says he did not use the credit card  
17 information he stole for personal gain but, rather, directed  
18 that the credit cards be used to make donations to charities  
19 and organizations he supports. But as it turns out, it's very  
20 likely that these organizations did not benefit from these  
21 transactions. Instead, Mr. Hammond's actions forced the  
22 organizations to expend their scarce and valuable resources  
23 identifying and returning the fraudulent donations.

24 Mr. Hammond might claim that these were regrettable,  
25 but unintended, consequences of his actions. In reality,

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1 however, Mr. Hammond's own words indicate that this is exactly  
2 what he set out to accomplish when he engaged in his crimes.  
3 While planning one of his hacks, Mr. Hammond stated that he not  
4 only would publish confidential documents, but would also  
5 disclose "personal e-mail accounts, girlfriends' pics, dirt and  
6 scandals."

7 As I noted, Mr. Hammond stated on several occasions  
8 while plotting his hacks that his ultimate goal was to cause  
9 mayhem. There is nothing, as one of Mr. Hammond's supporters  
10 characterized his hacking, "playfully clever" about his  
11 hacking, and there's certainly nothing high-minded or  
12 public-spirited about causing mayhem. Accordingly, I take into  
13 account the very serious nature and circumstances of this  
14 crime.

15 With respect to the history and characteristics of  
16 this defendant, I do take into account what Ms. Kellman and  
17 what Ms. Kunstler have said about Mr. Hammond's charitable  
18 acts. He certainly did many charitable acts in his Chicago  
19 community, including working in food kitchens, tutoring, and  
20 the like. And I also note that he spent time giving GED  
21 classes while incarcerated. And I do take that into  
22 account.

23 The most striking fact, however, about Mr. Hammond's  
24 history is his unrepentant recidivism. He has an  
25 almost-unbroken record of criminal offenses that demonstrates a

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1 total lack of respect for the law. As the PSR sets out,  
2 Mr. Hammond's prior criminal history includes, among other  
3 things, a plea of guilty to criminal damage to property in  
4 2003; convictions for battery in 2004; disorderly conduct in  
5 2006; mob action in 2009; as well as multiple violations of  
6 supervised release, parole, and probation; and other arrests  
7 for disorderly conduct, contempt of court, and criminal  
8 trespass.

9 Perhaps most significantly, however, Mr. Hammond's  
10 prior criminal history includes a federal conviction in 2006  
11 for the very same offense conduct that was the offense of  
12 conviction here, where the defendant hacked into a website of  
13 an organization he disagreed with politically and obtained  
14 information -- such as credit card numbers, home addresses and  
15 other identifying information -- about the members and  
16 customers of that organization.

17 In fact, Mr. Hammond began engaging in the conduct  
18 that serves as the basis for this conviction just after he  
19 finished his probationary term in the prior conviction in  
20 Chicago. I do note that Mr. Hammond said the same thing at  
21 the time of that conviction. At 19 he said he had altruistic  
22 motives, and now, at 28, he says he has altruistic motives.

23 I note that the probation office -- in my view,  
24 correctly -- notes Mr. Hammond's propensity to continue to  
25 commit crime. And the probation office notes that "There is no

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1 information in his record that would suggest that he will not  
2 continue to recidivate."

3 With respect to Mr. Hammond's charitable works, as I  
4 said, I take those into account, but I also note his lack of  
5 charity and extraordinary harmful activities to folks he does  
6 not agree with, including, for example, that retired Arizona  
7 police officer.

8 Moving to the paragraph two factors, there is  
9 obviously a desperate need here to promote respect for the law.  
10 As I noted, Mr. Hammond has, over the course of his young life,  
11 demonstrated no respect for the law. There is a need here for  
12 adequate public deterrents. And based on Mr. Hammond's record,  
13 there is certainly a need here to protect the public from  
14 further crimes of this defendant.

15 As to paragraph D, that factor -- that is, needed  
16 education or vocational training -- is not applicable here.  
17 Indeed, I note Mr. Hammond's extraordinary educational  
18 background and his extraordinary skill with computers and  
19 apparently his skill at tutoring.

20 I've taken into account the paragraph 3, 4 and 5  
21 factors with respect to the need to avoid unwarranted  
22 sentencing disparities. I do note the prior sentences given  
23 out in this case and the related cases. As we all know, of  
24 course, this view of disparity is supposed to be more broadly  
25 ranging than just the defendants in this case. But given

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1 Mr. Hammond's history, I do not think there will be any  
2 unwarranted sentencing disparity.

3 And the need to provide restitution is of lesser  
4 import here.

5 Accordingly, Counsel, it's my intention, weighing all  
6 of those factors, to impose a sentence of 120 months'  
7 incarceration followed by a period of three years of supervised  
8 release. It is my intention to adopt the recommended special  
9 terms and conditions of supervised release: That is, of  
10 providing access to requested financial information; not  
11 incurring any new credit charges without approval unless in  
12 compliance with payment obligations; participating in a  
13 substance abuse program; not having any involvement with  
14 hacking-related or electronic civil disobedience websites or  
15 organizations; participating in the probation department's  
16 computer/internet monitoring program; submission to a search;  
17 not using any means to hide his identity on-line; not using any  
18 means to encrypt his communications on-line; and not encrypting  
19 stored data. The last two except as required by any  
20 employment.

21 It is not my intention to impose a fine on the finding  
22 that Mr. Hammond is not able to address a fine.

23 As to restitution, I understand the parties are still  
24 gathering that material and will present it in due course.

25 And it is my intention to impose the mandatory \$100

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1 special assessment.

2 Is there any reason, Counsel, why such a sentence  
3 should not be imposed?

4 MS. NIDIRY: No, your Honor.

5 MS. KELLMAN: No, your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Thank you.

7 Mr. Hammond, you're sentenced, sir, to a period of 120  
8 months' incarceration. Following that time, you'll spend a  
9 period of three years on supervised release. During the period  
10 of supervised release, you'll comply with all of the standard  
11 terms and conditions of supervised release. Among them are  
12 that you not commit another federal, state or local crime; you  
13 not illegally possess a controlled substance; and you not  
14 possess a firearm or other destructive device.

15 In addition to those and all of the other standard  
16 terms and conditions of supervised release, you will provide  
17 the probation officer with access to any requested financial  
18 information. You will not incur any new credit charges or open  
19 any additional lines of credit without the approval of the  
20 probation officer unless you are in compliance with the  
21 installment payment schedule for financial penalties.

22 In addition, you'll participate in a program approved  
23 by the probation officer for substance abuse, and that program  
24 will include testing to determine whether you've returned to  
25 the use of drugs or alcohol.

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1           The Court authorizes the release of available drug  
2 treatment evaluations and reports to the substance abuse  
3 treatment provider as approved by the probation officer.

4           Mr. Hammond, you might be required to contribute some  
5 or all of the costs of that program depending on your ability  
6 to pay and the availability of third-party payment.

7           In addition, sir, you shall have no involvement with  
8 any hacking-related or electronic civil disobedience websites  
9 or organizations, and shall have no involvement or contact with  
10 any civil disobedience organizations.

11           In addition, you will participate in the  
12 computer/internet monitoring program administered by the  
13 probation office. You must provide the probation office  
14 advanced notification of any computer, automated service or  
15 connected device that will be used during the term of your  
16 supervision and that can access the internet.

17           The probation office is authorized to install any  
18 application as necessary to survey all activity on computers or  
19 connected devices owned or operated by you. You may be  
20 required to pay the cost of the monitoring services at the  
21 monthly rate provided by the probation office. The rate and  
22 payment schedule are subject to periodic adjustments by the  
23 probation office.

24           The probation office shall be notified via electronic  
25 transmission of impermissible or suspicious activity or



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1 communications occurring on such computer or connected device  
2 consistent with the computer monitoring policy in effect by the  
3 probation office. As triggered by impermissible or suspicious  
4 activity, you shall consent to and cooperate with unannounced  
5 examinations of any computer equipment owned or used by you.  
6 This examination shall include, but is not limited to,  
7 retrieval and copying of all data from the computer, connected  
8 device, storage media, and any internal or external peripherals  
9 and may involve removal of such equipment for the purpose of  
10 conducting a more thorough inspection.

11 You shall also submit your person and any property,  
12 house, residence, vehicle, papers, computer or other electronic  
13 communication or data storage devices or media and your effects  
14 to a search at any time, with or without a warrant, by any law  
15 enforcement or probation officer with reasonable suspicion  
16 concerning a violation of the conditions of your supervised  
17 release or any unlawful conduct by you and by any probation  
18 officer in the lawful discharge of the officer's supervision  
19 functions.

20 In addition, you shall not use any means to hide your  
21 identity on-line, including, for example, the TOR network or  
22 proxy servers. You also shall not use any means to encrypt  
23 your communications on-line except as required by employment.  
24 And you shall not encrypt stored data except as required by  
25 employment.

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1           As I mentioned, sir, I do not impose a fine. And I  
2 will await restitution information within 90 days from  
3 counsel.

4           And as I mentioned, I must impose, and do impose,  
5 the \$100 special assessment, and that should be paid  
6 promptly.

7           Sir, it's my duty to inform you that unless you've  
8 waived it, you have the right to appeal this sentence and you  
9 might have the right to appeal in forma pauperis, which means  
10 as a poor person, with the waiver of certain fees and  
11 expenses.

12           Ms. Kellman, did you wish a designation or request?

13           MS. KELLMAN: Yes, your Honor, as close as the Bureau  
14 of Prisons can get Mr. Hammond to the Chicago area would be his  
15 request.

16           THE COURT: It's the Court's recommendation that  
17 Mr. Hammond be designated to a facility as close as possible to  
18 the Chicago metropolitan area so that his family is able to  
19 visit him.

20           Is there anything else today, Counsel?

21           MS. NIDIRY: Yes, your Honor. The government would  
22 move to have the underlying indictments dismissed against  
23 Mr. Hammond.

24           THE COURT: So ordered.

25           Anything else?

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1 MS. KELLMAN: Your Honor, just one inquiry, if I may.  
2 The Court ordered specifically searches of Mr. Hammond's  
3 computers -- which, of course, I understand -- and extended  
4 that to retrieval or defined it further as retrieval and  
5 copying. The Court also excluded in some of the later  
6 restrictions any work-related computers, which I think also  
7 appropriate and understandable.

8 But with respect to the searches, I would ask the  
9 Court to consider language as well that permits the same level  
10 of privacy with respect to searching work-related computers. I  
11 wouldn't want Mr. Hammond to not be employable because a  
12 company he might work for, that their computers might be  
13 subject to those --

14 THE COURT: I'm sorry, I don't know what you're asking  
15 me for. What language do you want?

16 MS. KELLMAN: With respect to the-- I think it's the  
17 third from last condition, your Honor, which was search of  
18 computers to also exclude any computers that are work related,  
19 that are owned by his employer or connected with his  
20 employment.

21 THE COURT: Counsel.

22 MS. NIDIRY: Okay. That's fine.

23 THE COURT: Agreed. Anything else?

24 MS. KELLMAN: No, nothing. Thank you, Judge.

25 THE COURT: Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. You've

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1 been very helpful. Good morning.  
2 Thank you, Mr. Marshal.  
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**SENTENCING MEMORANDUM ON BEHALF OF JEREMY HAMMOND**

**INTRODUCTION**

On May 28, 2013, JEREMY HAMMOND pled guilty to a one-count superseding information charging him with a conspiracy to engage in computer hacking in violation of 18 U.S.C. Sections 1030(a)(2)(C), 1030(c)(2)(B)(iii), and 1030(c)(2)(C). As described in the information,

From at least in or about December 2011, up to and including in or about March 2012, HAMMOND and his co-conspirators mounted a cyber assault on the website and computer systems of Strategic Forecasting, Inc. (“Stratfor”), an information analysis company based in Austin, Texas, which maintained the website “www.stratfor.com.”

Mr. Hammond is to be sentenced by this Court on November 15, 2013. We respectfully submit this letter and the attached appendix of exhibits<sup>1</sup> for the Court's consideration prior to sentencing.

This is not the typical federal criminal case, and Jeremy Hammond is not the

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<sup>1</sup> The appendix, which consists primarily of letters of support (see Exhibits A-E) also includes two petitions, containing over 5000 signatures, for time served (Exhibits F and G) and a submission (Exhibit H) pertaining to additional conduct by Mr. Hammond. In an excess of caution, Exhibit H has been redacted, in light of the protective order.

typical federal criminal defendant. Whether one agrees with his motivation or tactics, the fact remains that his violation of the federal criminal law was undertaken as an act of civil disobedience. Mr. Hammond has been very clear that he participated in the hack of Strategic Forecasting and other websites because he questioned the government's use of private security firms to gather intelligence at home and abroad, and the free reign afforded to these companies to operate without public scrutiny or government oversight. And he is not alone; many people, from average U.S. citizens, to the heads of state of countries including France, Germany and Brazil, have become concerned as a result of recent revelations about government and corporate spying. But unlike many, Mr. Hammond has technical skills that enabled him to peel back this veil of secrecy, publicly revealing information about how states and private companies like Stratfor, gather intelligence. And he did what he believed was right.

The appendix of exhibits included with this submission includes over 250 letters of support. A number of these letters are from people who do not know Mr. Hammond, but share his concerns about how intelligence is gathered, surveillance is carried out, and how operatives infiltrate groups engaged in legally protected activities. Some of the letters are from activists and journalists whose lives have been directly impacted by the information he revealed. But perhaps the most significant letters – over 60 in total – come from people who know Mr. Hammond personally, and who have observed his dedication to social justice. They include people who have learned from him, volunteered with him, and stood beside him as he made a contribution to his community and his hometown of Chicago. These letters demonstrate that Jeremy Hammond is a person who lives his principles in all aspects of his life; a person who, at the very core of his being, believes that he has a personal responsibility to give of his time and his

abilities to make his community, his country and the world a better place.

Below, we have included an analysis, under 18 U.S.C Section 3553(a)(1), of Mr. Hammond's history and characteristics, and the nature and circumstances of the offense. After careful consideration of these factors, as well as factors relating to the need for the sentence imposed as outlined in 18 U.S.C. Section 3553(a)(2), we respectfully submit that the appropriate sentence in this case is a non-guidelines sentence of time served.

**THE PRE-SENTENCE INVESTIGATION REPORT**

Our objections to the Pre-Sentence Report are provided under separate cover. We have no objections to Probation's recitation of the offense conduct or criminal history, or its calculation of the applicable guidelines range.

**THE PLEA AGREEMENT**

The plea agreement assumes, and Mr. Hammond does not challenge, the following Guidelines calculation:

Base Offense Level (2B1.1(a)(2))	6
Loss Amount (2B1.1(b)(1)(I))	+16
(for loss between \$1 million and \$2.5 million)	
# of Victims (2B1.1(b)(2)(C))	+6
(for 250 or more victims)	
Sophisticated Means (2B1.1(b)(10)(C))	+2
Offense under 18 U.S.C 1030	+2
(unauthorized dissemination of personal information)	
Involved government computer system (2B1.1(b)(17)(A))	+2
(used in furtherance of the administration of justice)	
<u>Adjustment for Acceptance of Responsibility</u>	<u>-3</u>
Adjusted Offense Level	31

Because Mr. Hammond has seven criminal history points, he is placed in Criminal History Category IV. Thus, his sentencing range is 151-188 months. However, because the statutory maximum is 10 years, Mr. Hammond's stipulated guidelines sentence is



120 months. Pursuant to the plea agreement, the parties are free to make arguments for a non-guidelines sentence under the factors outlined in 18 U.S.C Section 3553(a).

### **THE APPROPRIATE SENTENCE**

Title 18, United States Code, Section 3553(a) directs a sentencing court to impose a reasonable sentence that is “sufficient, but not greater than necessary” to achieve the purposes of sentencing. This statutory mandate has taken on new meaning in light of the Supreme Court's decisions in *United States v. Booker*, 543 U.S. 220 (2005), *Gall v. United States*, 128 S.Ct. 586 (2007), and *Rita v. United States*, 551 U.S. 338 (2007), as well as the Second Circuit's decision in *United States v. Crosby*, 307 F.3d 103 (2d Cir. 2005), and its progeny.

In *Gall*, the United States Supreme Court held that while the Guidelines should be “the starting point and the initial benchmark” of a reasonable sentence, the sentencing judge “may not presume that the Guideline range is reasonable” and “must make an individualized assessment based on the facts presented.” *Gall*, 128 S.Ct. at 587. The Supreme Court also “reject[ed] an appellate rule that requires ‘extraordinary’ circumstances to justify a sentence outside the Guidelines range.” *Id.* Thus, a sentencing court, after considering the advisory Guidelines, is now free to fashion a reasonable sentence that it deems appropriate based upon all of the sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. §3553(a).

#### **1. Jeremy Hammond’s History and Characteristics**

Jeremy Hammond is 28 years old. He and his brother Jason, identical twins, were born on January 8, 1985 in Hindsdale, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago to Rosanne “Rose” Collins (nee Anderson) and John “Jack” Hammond. Rose, who is now 49 years old, was a server at a Chinese restaurant and Jack, who is 57, was a musician and guitar

teacher. Rose, a high school graduate, dropped out of college when she learned she was pregnant. Jack left high school without graduating, with dreams of making it in the music industry. Jeremy's brother Jason inherited his father's passion for music and works as a music teacher, giving lessons at two Chicago-area music schools.

Rose and Jack never married, and separated when the boys were three years old. In 1991, Rose married James Collins and they left Chicago, but she stayed on good terms with Jack and remained a part of her children's lives. Raising two boys alone, Jack struggled financially, but Rose provided financial support. The family always had a roof over their heads and food to eat. In his letter to the Court, Jason Hammond recalled that "most of our childhood I remember my father working two jobs to sustain me and Jeremy." (See Letter from Jason Hammond at A3-A6.)

In 2000, Rose and her husband moved to Austin, Texas. Since marrying James Collins, Rose has volunteered at her church and at the schools that her younger sons attended. Currently, she is a food service manager at a 7-Eleven store near her home. James Collins is a technical manager at Cisco Systems, where he has worked since 2000. Rose and James Collins have two children together — Randy and Michael. Randy, age 21, is a cancer survivor and high school graduate. He works two jobs — as a manager of a pizza place, and a cook at a restaurant. Michael is 18 years old and recently graduated high school. He works part-time at a Subway restaurant, and is applying to college. Randy and Michael live with their parents in Austin, along with Rose's godson Mark, who is 21 and a construction worker and has lived with the family since he was 15 years old.

Education was very important to Jack Hammond. In his letter, Jason Hammond recalled that "even though our father did not graduate high school, he raised us to be

creative, intelligent, hard-working critical thinkers.” (A3.) Jack taught his sons to read and do arithmetic before kindergarten, and they both excelled in school. As a child, Jeremy loved chess, origami, computers, and baseball. As a Little League pitcher, he developed a virtually un-hittable arcing pitch that confounded batters and thrilled the team's coach. And as early as nine years old, he was playing with computer programming and designing simple computer games. At age 11, Jeremy developed a computer database to track Little League player statistics, a project for which he won a prize at the school science fair. As an adolescent, Jeremy, an avid reader, devoured his father's extensive library, which included classics such as “Animal Farm” and “The Jungle” and books by Abbie Hoffman and other sixties activist heroes of his father's. From his father, and his father's books, Jeremy learned about the history of civil disobedience and street protest in the United States.

As a high school student, Jeremy started to identify as a “hacker,” and attended “2600” meetings , where participants gathered to teach, learn, and discuss technology.<sup>2</sup> At these meetings, Jeremy met people who, like him, were interested in systems and how they worked. At age 15, he got his first job as a Mac specialist at a local computer service store. When he was 18, he hacked the computers at a local Apple retailer, demonstrating the system's vulnerability on every screen in the store. Thereafter, he met with Apple employees and explained how to better protect their information. And just as his interest in understanding computer systems and hacking deepened, so did his sense of social responsibility, and his desire to stand up for his beliefs. For Jeremy, the words of Mohandas Gandhi captured his belief that individuals must join with others in collective action to “be the change you wish to see in the world.”

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<sup>2</sup> These meetings, which are open to the public, and welcome technologists of all skill levels, are held across the U.S. and around the world. For more information, visit <http://www.2600.com/meetings/guidelines.html>

In high school, Jeremy was a wholly engaged student who cared deeply about world events. Chris Van Der Berg, who taught Jeremy in his 10th grade Contemporary World History Honors course, wrote "You can imagine my excitement as a teacher to have someone in my class who could speak intelligently about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the effects of the Cold War, and the impact of European colonialism on the development of African political structures." (See Letter from Chris Van Der Berg, at B84-85.) Mr. Van Der Berg was impressed, not just by Jeremy's enthusiasm, but how he helped to motivate and engage his classmates. He wrote:

Jeremy's eagerness to learn was a characteristic he used as a tool to bring people together. Unquestionably, his passion for contemporary history increased the interest of his classmates in gaining a deeper understanding of the world and in seeking answers that went beyond the scope of the course.

(*Id.*)

Jeremy's interest in politics grew after the 2000 presidential election, the Supreme Court's *Bush v. Gore* decision, and the election of a United States President who had failed to win the popular vote. He was further politicized by the attacks of 9/11, the enactment of the Patriot Act, and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. During his senior year at Glenbard East High School, on the first day of the Iraq invasion in the Spring of 2003, Jeremy led a walkout of more than 100 students to an anti-war rally in downtown Chicago. He also founded a student newspaper that encouraged students to ask questions about current political events. In his letter of support, Michael Pitula, a GED and adult literacy instructor, who is a long-time acquaintance of Jeremy's, wrote about meeting him through the distribution of this newspaper. "It was impressive to see a young person engaging in civic discourse on matters of such global import at an age when many youth are caught up in the latest passing gossip or fad." (See Letter from

Michael Pitula, at B62-63.)

In September of 2003, Jeremy enrolled as a freshman at the University of Illinois at Chicago (“UIC”). He was an outspoken voice on campus, organizing against university tuition hikes and protesting United States involvement in Afghanistan. Jeremy was involved in the Political Discussion and Action group, the Campus Anti-war Network, and Free Society, which Jason Hammond described as “groups where people met to discuss current events, examine history, and study social justice movements.” (See A4.) He was also active in the Association for Computing Machinery, a computer science club with a chapter at UIC. During the spring of his freshman year, he hacked into the website of the UIC’s computer science department as a security test, alerting the webmaster of the site’s vulnerability, which he offered to fix. Instead, his actions led to a school disciplinary hearing and a letter from school administrators stating that he would not be returning to UIC in the spring.

After leaving school, Jeremy devoted himself to progressive politics and the uniqueness of his commitment to the human condition began to shine. He attended protests on the streets of Chicago, which included demonstrations against United States involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan; those expressing opposition to racism, sexism, police brutality and income inequality, and others showing support for marriage equality and the rights of immigrants, workers and the poor. In his letter to the Court, Jerome Boyle, a Chicago lawyer who served as a volunteer legal observer for the Chicago Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, recalled meeting Jeremy at this time. “While first only another face in the crowd, over time Jeremy distinguished himself as a person willing to risk his liberty with acts of civil disobedience.” (See Letter from Jerome Boyle, at B7-8.) Mr. Boyle, who was also Mr. Hammond’s neighbor, further imparts his strong

impression of Jeremy's character, viewing him as “a political person driven by an overwhelming love of humanity.” (*Id.*) “As someone who was present at many of the events leading to his arrest or present at the police lock-ups afterward,” Mr. Boyle wrote,

I can assure you that Jeremy was always driven, not by any selfish motive, but rather by an exceedingly altruistic commitment to the causes for which he advocated. And everything I saw of Jeremy's behavior in my community confirms this. Jeremy lived an ascetic life, scraping by on barely enough resources to survive. Instead of looking out for himself, he saw it as his duty to look out for others, and to help others when they needed it. He could always be counted on to help a friend or neighbor in need, frequently at the cost of substantial personal sacrifice. And his self-sacrifice extended even to what is, to him, his most precious possession, i.e., his personal liberty.

(*Id.*)

Jeremy also dedicated himself to volunteering in his community. We have received 58 letters of support from friends, colleagues, and acquaintances that speak to this commitment. Mr. Pitula, the GED instructor quoted above, later got to know Jeremy through his own work as an organizer for a local environmental justice organization in the Latino neighborhoods in Southwest Chicago. As he wrote in his letter,

I would encounter Jeremy in the course of my outreach and he was always open to learning of and supporting the efforts of the community to secure equal access to clean air and public transit to travel to work and school. Hammond showed solidarity, in spite of the fact that he was not originally from the community. He became involved in supporting various public campaigns, speaking at transit board hearings and picketing with neighbors to draw attention to the public health threats posed by violations of clean air law and regulations on the part of nearby plants and factories. His demeanor was always one of humility and genuine interest to serve.

(See B62.) Mr. Pitula also recalled that Jeremy “shared his wealth of computer knowledge free of charge”, and that he would “regularly conduct research, help set up websites or provide other technical assistance to non-profit organizations or community groups dedicated to social justice.” (*Id.*) Like Mr. Pitula, Brad Thomson, a paralegal at a Chicago law firm, wrote that Jeremy “would regularly set up websites or provide other

technical assistance free of charge to non-profit organizations or community groups committed to social causes.” (See Letter from Brad Thomson, at B81-82.)

From 2005-2006, Jeremy volunteered at a public computer lab called Dai5ychain, spending three days a week teaching computer skills to the underserved youth of Chicago. One of his students was Eric Conrad, who wrote a letter to the Court explaining that, “Jeremy Hammond took the time to help create the foundation of my programming knowledge...(f)rom this kind gesture I was able to create my own web design business while I was still in high school and gain over 15 clients.” (See Letter from Eric Conrad, at B14.)

From 2008-2012, Jeremy was active with “Food Not Bombs,”<sup>3</sup> an organization that cooks and distributes free weekly meals to the homeless and hungry in Chicago. A number of the letters provided for Your Honor’s review highlight Jeremy’s commitment to this group, as well as his work with “Midwest Books to Prisoners,” a grassroots organization that, as its name suggests, collects and mails books to people behind bars. For example, Chris Howard, who met Jeremy through the book distribution project, described Jeremy’s dedication as nothing short of contagious. He recalled that Jeremy played the “biggest part” in the group, and detailed his role as follows:

Every week he would show up early and get everything set up and would often prepare food for everyone once they arrived. His selflessness could never be surpassed, I remember on several occasions when we had run out of funding for that week (as all funds we have to send out books are

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<sup>3</sup> Jeremy was also active with Food Not Bombs from 2004-2005. Max Suchan, a law student at De Paul University College of Law, who was a member of the group along with Jeremy during this time, noted: “We often cooked in Jeremy’s apartment and he was always busy gathering food donations, cooking, sharing food. I witnessed his generosity countless time, and I was always touched with his ability to deeply connect to the homeless people who came to eat, and treat them with the utmost respect. On one occasion, Jeremy spent the better part of the week gathering hundreds of winter jackets, scarves, hats and gloves to distribute during the food serving. I believe Jeremy is motivated with a sense of care and compassion rarely found to such degrees, especially in out generation.” (See Letter of Max Suchan, at B79)

donated to us), and Jeremy would pay all of the expenses out of pocket and never asked to be reimbursed.

(See Letter from Chris Howard, at B35.) Mr. Howard was impressed at the generosity that Mr. Hammond showed to the recipients of the books, people he had never met and had no obligation to provide for. Jeremy, he explained was motivated by a belief in the importance of education “and how nobody deserves to be denied a proper education in life. His selfless actions have inspired countless people in our community and have set a standard for how we should treat one another.” (*Id.*)

Similarly, Sidoni Gonzalez, a 25-year-old Chicago resident who grew up in the Pilsen neighborhood, recounted meeting him through her participation in neighborhood food distribution with “Food Not Bombs.” She wrote that Jeremy was “always friendly and helpful in teaching me how Food not Bombs worked and eager to pass on any other useful knowledge.” (See Letter from Sidoni Gonzalez, at B27-28.) She was astonished by Jeremy’s “ability to connect with people and his peaceful and fun-loving energy.” And perhaps most significantly, she described Jeremy’s positive influence on her life. After describing the neighborhood’s persistent problems with gang violence, she wrote,

Jeremy’s enthusiasm for social work inspired me to get more involved with the youth in my community. While working together we had plenty of conversations about our duties and responsibilities to those around us; and the impact we could have on those we interact with. Since then I have been able to volunteer my time at Mujeres Latinas en Accion, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping and supporting domestic abuse survivors and their families. The specific project I am involved with is Proyecto Juventud (Project Youth) a sex-education, after-school program for women 12-17 years of age. We provide them with a safe space to do homework, twice a week we engage them in outdoor activities that promote physical health and create workshops that teach them leadership skills. Jeremy has been a big influence for me to get involved with such programs.

(*Id.*)

Both Food Not Bombs and Midwest Books to Prisoners operated out of



“Biblioteca Popular”, a storefront community center and art space in the Pilsen neighborhood of Chicago. According to Brad Thomson, the paralegal quoted above, the center “had a kitchen, hosted a lending library, held events, and provided free tutoring and classes.” (See B82.) In addition to his involvement with Food Not Bombs and the Books to Prisoners project, Jeremy was one of the center's caretakers for three years, from 2008 to 2011. As caretaker, he was responsible for opening, closing, and cleaning up. He also taught math classes and maintained the center's lending library.

Mr. Thomson came to know Jeremy through his involvement with Biblioteca Popular. On one occasion, Mr. Thomson recalls “working with a group that was responding to the financial crisis,” and had decided to “prepare a large meal that would be shared publicly in the downtown area.” He wrote,

Jeremy ensured we would be able to use the community center's kitchen and went out of his way to open the center early on a Sunday morning. He even went above and beyond, by staying at the center to help us cook and running errands to help us get supplies.

(*Id.*) On another occasion, Mr. Thompson recalled that Jeremy stayed late to accommodate his schedule when he was trying to donate a box of books to the center. He continued,

I ended up showing up later than we had scheduled and I found Jeremy alone, doing clerical tasks. His response was not frustration or annoyance that I had inconvenienced him, but genuine appreciation that I was donating books. He seemed sincerely happy to know that by donating his time, a handful of people would be able to have access to resources they wouldn't otherwise have had.

(*Id.*)

Lisa Fithian, a long-time community organizer who is a member of the “Alliance of Community Trainers,” which conducts training sessions for community groups, wrote about Jeremy's generosity in connection with the community center. As he did with Brad

Thompson, Jeremy permitted Ms. Fithian to use the community center kitchen for an event she was organizing. (See Letter from Lisa Fithian, at B23-24.) Ms. Fithian also related Jeremy's involvement with efforts to close down coal plants near the community center, in Pilsen, which were compromising the health of neighborhood residents. She wrote,

For years the Little Village Environmental Justice Organization (LVEJO) had been educating and organizing to close these plants. Jeremy was very interested in nonviolent social change and he invited me to come there and do an organizing and nonviolence training at the center for the community to learn more about it in their struggle against the coal plant. In 2009 the community came together to support the first of several nonviolent civil disobedience protests outside the coal plant that ultimately lead to the decision to close both of the coal plants in Chicago, which was a major victory for the community. Jeremy helped make this happen.

(*Id.*) Like Ms. Fithian, Debra Michaud worked with Jeremy Hammond on environmental issues, including the coal plant closings.<sup>4</sup> Ms. Michaud, the founder of the Chicago Chapter of the Rainforest Action Network, described Jeremy as “an extremely hard worker” who “never sought the spotlight or recognition” and “always someone who could be counted on to meet his commitments and complete promised work,” which included building the group's website, designing promotional materials, and contributing “at every level to build a cohesive group and successful campaigns.” (See Letter from Debra Michaud, at B48-49.)

A number of supporters mentioned their experience of Jeremy's kindness and generosity on a personal level, which seemed to go hand in hand with his broader commitment to social justice and community work. For example, Robert Boyle, a 43-year-old Chicago business owner and acquaintance, recalled Jeremy as a “smart,

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<sup>4</sup> Debra Michaud noted in her letter that “These plants were shown by a Harvard University study to cause 40 deaths annually, in part because they were in the most densely populated areas of all coal fired power plants in the nation. (See Letter from Debra Michaud, at B48-49.)

articulate young man with passionate beliefs about making the world a better place.” (See Letter from Robert Boyle, at B9.) Mr. Boyle met Jeremy “through our mutual involvement in various grassroots social justice causes.” (*Id.*) “Though I am older and do not regularly socialize with the younger activist community,” Mr. Boyle noted, “Jeremy would always take the time to stop and talk whenever we ran into each other...He often had questions for me, showing both that he recognized my past experience and had a desire to learn.” (*Id.*) Brian Murray, another acquaintance and former neighbor of Mr. Hammond's in Chicago, met Jeremy and his brother Jason when they were providing childcare for the single mother who ran one of the only fresh food stores in the neighborhood. Mr. Murray observed that Jeremy and his brother were “providing her with the flexibility in her personal life that she required as an independent small business owner, and also with store operation.” (See Letter from Brian Murray, at B58-59.) Mr. Murray related that Jeremy and Jason also provided him with childcare, and “quickly became a support to my young family in a vital way.” (*Id.*) At the end of his letter, Brian Murray noted, “There is a hole here in this city with Jeremy gone.” (*Id.*) Sarah Aubry, a Chicago resident and employee of CharityWatch, a philanthropic watchdog organization, remembered how Jeremy “encouraged an older out-of-work friend to practice typing...and tutored him to learn basic computer skills to help him become more employable.” (See Letter from Sarah Aubry, at B2-3.) Ben Goodman, a friend and Chicago resident, described how Jeremy took him in when he was “on the verge of homelessness,” providing him with the support he needed “to turn things around and get back on my feet.” (See Letter from Ben Goodman, at B29.) Tim Welch, a self-employed contractor in Arizona who has never met Mr. Hammond, wrote about Jeremy's kindness when his children, attended college in the Chicago area:

Mr. Hammond's case was brought to my attention by my children, and I have been following it ever since because of what he has done for my children. My son and daughter were moving from one apartment to another, on the 3rd floor, and while in the process of carrying furniture and belongings up 3 flights of stairs, Mr. Hammond happened by and volunteered to help them with their move. He spent 2 hours of his time lugging complete strangers personnel (sic) items up 3 flights of stairs. My children did not know him or who he was other than Jeremy, until later, when they recognized his picture through public media reports.

(See Letter of Support from Tim Welch, at 87.) And Debra Michaud highlighted Jeremy's "deep compassion", which she wrote "was most obvious in public events when it was... invariably Jeremy who straggled behind the crowd to help carry or push his disabled friend in a wheelchair. It was always Jeremy who made sure that no one was left behind." (See B49.)

## **2. The Nature and Circumstances of the Offense**

Jeremy was always looking for ways to integrate his computer skills with his activism. Although the words "hacking" and "hacker" are often used pejoratively to describe criminal or intrusive behavior, the technical community has always used the terms to describe creative computer use – taking things apart in order to figure out how they work. For example, Richard M. Stallman, a technologist who was the lead developer of the GNU operating system and a MacArthur Fellow, defines hacking as "playful cleverness." He wrote in his letter to the Court:

"I have been proud to call myself a hacker since 1971. That's when I was hired by MIT Artificial Intelligence Lab to join that team that developed the lab's operating system – for which the unofficial job title was "system hacker."

(See Letter from Richard Stallman, at C14.) Similarly, "hacktivism" is defined as "the use of computers and computer networks to promote political ends, chiefly free speech, human rights, and information ethics... carried out under the premise that proper use of

technology can produce results similar to those of conventional acts of protest, activism, and civil disobedience.”<sup>5</sup>

Sometime in 2003, Jeremy founded an organization called Hulla-Bulloo, which was “created to engage its users in understanding hacking, hacktivism, and all technologies and politics in between.” (See Letter from HackThisSite.org Staff, at B30-33.) Hulla-Bulloo became HackThisSite.org (hereinafter “HTS”), a self-described “a free, safe and legal training ground for hackers to test and expand their hacking skills.”<sup>6</sup> The name was a direct reference Abbie Hoffman's “Steal this Book,” a counterculture guide for youth published in 1971.

According to the current staff, HTS has “remained a bastion of ethical hacking and hacktivism, a series of principles originating from Mr. Hammond, serving its community of over 1.8 million worldwide users.” (See B30.) In their letter to the Court, HTS staff further explains that “Mr. Hammond, in his years of running HTS, built the idea that users can become hackers and hacktivists to not only make a change in information technology security, but indeed in the world itself as well.” (See B31.) Mr. Hammond continues to inspire young programmers who want to use their skills to contribute to social change. Noah Ollersmith, an autistic 14-year-old from Indianapolis, is one such person. Mr. Ollersmith, who identifies as a “programmer trainee” and “cyber activist,” and who has never met Mr. Hammond, wrote that “Jeremy has truly inspired me. I have been learning to program, because of people like Jeremy.” (See Letter from Noah Ollersmith, at D108.)

In December of 2006, Jeremy Hammond was sentenced to twenty-four months in federal prison for breaking into the computer system of Protest Warrior, a Texas-based

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<sup>5</sup> For more information, visit <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hacktivism>

<sup>6</sup> For more information, visit <https://www.hackthissite.org/>

pro-war organization that aggressively targeted anti-war activists. He surrendered on January 3, 2007, and after serving his term of incarceration at the Federal Correctional Institution in Greenville, Illinois. He was released in the summer of 2008.

After his release from federal prison, Jeremy avoided online activism and began to re-create himself as an environmentalist and a web developer. Many of the letters quoted above attest to the community work he accomplished between 2008 and his March 2012 arrest in this case. During this period, Jeremy was welcomed back to the job he held prior to his federal sentence, as a Web Programmer with Rome & Company (“Rome”), a mainstream Chicago-based advertising agency and brand consultancy company. In a 2006 letter, Jerry Roman, the company president, wrote that he re-hired Jeremy “with enthusiasm and without hesitation.” Mr. Roman further wrote that Jeremy’s “behavior in our offices is exemplary,” that he was “focused and productive,” and that his programming skills were “exceptional.” While Rome had many corporate clients, and Mr. Roman suspected that Jeremy “had a low tolerance for corporate posturing,” he noted that Jeremy “never demonstrated any contempt for business in the workplace; rather, he has always been extremely respectful of the business needs of Rome & Company and its clients.”<sup>7</sup> (See Letters from Jerry Roman, at B69-B70.)

During this time, Jeremy began thinking seriously about re-involving himself in the world of political hacktivism. In 2008, while in prison, he had learned about the protest group Anonymous, a loosely associated group of activists and hacktivists around the world. In December of 2010, after PayPal, Visa, MasterCard and other financial institutions stopped processing donations to WikiLeaks, Anonymous launched “Operation Avenge Assange,” encouraging countless people to download an online tool

<sup>7</sup> In a 2013 letter written to show his support in this case, Mr. Roman calls Jeremy a “social treasure” whose “potential for doing good works is nearly limitless.” (See B69.)

that was used to overload the companies' websites. This action was not only a catalyst for Jeremy, but the start of a new activist movement. Dr. Gabriella Coleman, the Wolfe Chair in Scientific and Technological Literacy at McGill University, and whose teaching, research and writing focus on computer hacking and electronic dissent, has called the action "one of the first large-scale demonstrations conducted on the internet...providing a paradigm for online protest."<sup>8</sup>

In her letter to the Court<sup>9</sup>, Professor Coleman wrote,

Hammond was attracted to Anonymous for how it has become a wide-open platform for very different types of people around the world to collectively work toward the goal of exposing corruption and lend a helping hand to existing movements, such as the Arab Spring of 2011. He was particularly keen to work with hackers to disclose corporate and government wrongdoing.

(See Letter from Professor Gabriella Coleman, at C3-6.) WikiLeaks had come under fire for publishing the diplomatic cables leaked by Chelsea (formerly Bradley) Manning. Jeremy supported the public release of this information, which included the "Collateral Murder"<sup>10</sup> video that exposed the killing of unarmed civilians and two Reuter's journalists, by a United States Apache helicopter crew in Iraq. He saw Chelsea Manning as a selfless hero, an individual whose actions were effectively changing the world. These revelations shook the world and caused Jeremy to wonder if he had a greater responsibility to use his technological skills to make his contribution to a growing movement aimed at opening the cloistered world of cyberspace to the people.

On June 7, 2011, federal agents arrested Hector Monsegur. Monsegur, known by

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<sup>8</sup> Janet Reitman, *The Rise and Fall of Jeremy Hammond: Enemy of the State*, published by Rolling Stone on December 7, 2012 and accessed online at <http://www.rollingstone.com/culture/news/the-rise-and-fall-of-jeremy-hammond-enemy-of-the-state-20121207>

<sup>9</sup> Dr. Coleman interviewed Jeremy for her upcoming book on Anonymous, and has met him online and recently, in person at the MCC.

<sup>10</sup> For more information visit [http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/06/world/middleeast/06baghdad.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/06/world/middleeast/06baghdad.html?_r=0)

the online pseudonym “Sabu,” was widely recognized and respected as an Anonymous leader. As a government cooperator, he continued to operate online as Sabu, inviting attacks on government and corporate websites. On June 19, 2011, twelve days after his arrest, he promoted, via Twitter, the formation of Operation Anti-Security, or Antisec, “the biggest, unified cooperation amongst hackers in history.”<sup>11</sup> Sabu continued to encourage his followers to join the #antisec channel on Anonops IRC channel<sup>12</sup> and participate in the group.<sup>13</sup>

Jeremy Hammond's prosecution for the instant offense arises out of his participation in Antisec. Having decided that he wanted to be a part of the digital activism spearheaded by Anonymous, Jeremy was impressed by Sabu, and wanted to work with him. But more than that, Jeremy saw working with Anonymous and Antisec as an opportunity to be like Chelsea Manning – to do his part to access information that needed to be shared with the people.

### **The Stratfor Hack**

On December 4, 2011, Sabu sent out a message via Twitter inviting hackers to focus on specific surveillance companies as targets.<sup>14</sup> The same day, a participant known only by the online pseudonym “hyrriya”<sup>15</sup> brought the Strategic Forecasting (“Stratfor”) hack to Sabu. (BS<sup>16</sup> 63691.) Hyrriya had already compromised the company’s

<sup>11</sup> See <https://twitter.com/anonymousabu/status/82679591596072960>

<sup>12</sup> Internet Relay Chat (IRC) is a protocol for live interactive Internet text messaging (chat) or synchronous conferencing. It is mainly designed for group communication in discussion forums, called channels. For more information, visit [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internet\\_Relay\\_Chat](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internet_Relay_Chat)

<sup>13</sup> See e.g. <https://twitter.com/anonymousabu/status/84765521953828864>, <https://twitter.com/anonymousabu/status/85101356494487552>, and <https://twitter.com/anonymousabu/status/85919437261242369>

<sup>14</sup> See <https://twitter.com/anonymousabu/status/143060921059778560>

<sup>15</sup> Defense counsel received an email from a person identified as hyrriya and describing his/her role in the hack. That letter is attached to this submission as \_\_\_\_.

<sup>16</sup> Sites to bate stamped discovery pages are included as “BS”



computer system and accessed confidential credit card data. Sabu then invited hyrriya into the same chat room as Jeremy so they could discuss hyrriya's findings. (BS 62384.) With this information, Jeremy, Sabu<sup>17</sup>, and others participated in the hack of Stratfor's website and computer servers. The Stratfor email spools were downloaded on or about December 14 (BS 67405), and Jeremy subsequently sent the data to WikiLeaks, which began to selectively release the Stratfor emails under the name "Global Intelligence Files."

While the PSR focuses on the theft of the credit card data of Stratfor's customers, and documents posted on file-sharing websites announcing the release of this information (See PSR §§ 17-26), the government has confirmed there is no evidence that Mr. Hammond personally used the credit cards divulged by the Stratfor leak, or that he was motivated by financial gain.

In addition to the Stratfor hack, Jeremy has taken responsibility<sup>18</sup> for hacking computer systems used by: (1) the Arizona Department of Public Safety; (2) the FBI's Virtual Academy; (3) Brooks-Jeffrey Marketing, Inc.; (4) Special Forces Gear; (5) Vanguard Defense Industries; (6) the Jefferson County, Alabama Sheriff's Office; (7) the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association; and (8) Combined System, Inc. All of these hacks took place between June 2011 and February 2012. These targets were significant to Jeremy as a way of protesting police brutality, overly aggressive and militaristic anti-immigration laws and practices, and the governments' use of drones, tear gas and other weapons abroad.

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<sup>17</sup> Sabu's participation included providing servers for the storage of information and creating chatrooms to facilitate discussions.

<sup>18</sup> These additional hacks were listed in the parties' plea agreement and acknowledged by Mr. Hammond at his plea.

### 3. Mr. Hammonds Actions in a Broader Context

On May 14, 2007, at a presentation to a Defense Intelligence Agency conference in Colorado, Terri Everett, an Officer of the Director of National Intelligence senior procurement executive, revealed that 70% of the total government intelligence budget is spent on private contractors. This figure was initially reported by Tim Shorrock on Salon.com.<sup>19</sup> Mr. Shorrock wrote, "Because of the cloak of secrecy thrown over the intelligence budgets, there is no way for the American public, or even much of Congress, to know how those contractors are getting the money, what they are doing with it, or how effectively they are using it."<sup>20</sup> Recently, the United States government's use of private contractors became a top news story and issue of public concern, following the leak of details of government surveillance programs from a former NSA contractor.

Peter Ludlow, the John Evans Professor in the Department of Philosophy at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, views Jeremy's actions in the context of these revelations, describing the significance of the Stratfor hack as follows:

Jeremy's work as a hacktivist was revelatory. He didn't break into corporate systems to embarrass their corporate owners. And he didn't do it to merely expose secrets (although he did expose plenty). Jeremy Hammond is important because his exploratory hacking helped expose the scope and nature of the private intelligence industry. Along the way he exposed an organized and well-funded system of deception targeting American citizens and other populations worldwide. He showed that the deception was systematic, sometimes illegal, and often exceptionally disturbing.

(See Letter from Peter J. Ludlow, at C7-C10.) Professor Ludlow further noted that

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<sup>19</sup> See Tim Shorrock, *The Corporate Takeover of U.S. Intelligence*, published on June 1, 2007 at Salon.com, available at [http://www.salon.com/2007/06/01/intel\\_contractors/](http://www.salon.com/2007/06/01/intel_contractors/). See also Everett's PowerPoint presentation, available at <http://www.fas.org/irp/dni/everett.ppt>

<sup>20</sup> Id.

Jeremy's "hack of Stratfor provided a remarkable insight into how the private security and intelligence companies view themselves *vis a vis* government security agencies like the C.I.A.," [REDACTED]

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(Id.) In his letter to the Court, and in an article published by the New York Times,<sup>22</sup>

Professor Ludlow outlined a number of questionable, if not criminal, activities revealed by the leaked Stratfor emails, including:

- Surveillance activities conducted in cooperation with the Texas Department of Public Safety to monitor protestors in Occupy Austin as well as Occupy's relation to the environmental group Deep Green Resistance.
- Surveillance, on behalf of Dow Chemical, of activists who were seeking reparations for victims of a chemical plant disaster in Bhopal, India.
- A 2009 insider trading scheme between Goldman Sachs and Stratfor in which Stratfor proposed to use the intelligence gathered on behalf of clients by creating an investment fund to make trading decisions.

The information revealed by the Stratfor hack has been used by journalists across the United States and around the world. In a letter signed by sixteen editors and journalists representing international media outlets in fifteen countries about the importance and far-reaching effects of the information that Mr. Hammond revealed. They wrote:

We are a group of concerned editors and journalists from around the globe. Together we represent newspapers, TV networks, and

<sup>21</sup> All references to information derived from Stratfor emails will be redacted in the submission filed on the public docket, per the protective order. An unredacted submission will be provided to Chambers and government counsel.

<sup>22</sup> Peter Ludlow, *The Real War on Reality*, published by The New York Times on June 14, 2013, available at <http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/06/14/the-real-war-on-reality/>

magazines with a combined audience of 500 million. In 2011 our news outlets published articles using documents allegedly obtained by Mr. Jeremy Hammond. We are aware that Mr. Hammond has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act in relation to information from the company Strategic Forecasting Inc, or "Stratfor." The information allegedly disclosed has helped to keep the public informed about serious wrongdoings of corporations and corrupt governmental officers in more than fifteen countries. In literally hundreds of articles based on these documents, we demonstrated corrupt and unethical behavior by a wide range of entities including Stratfor and its clients. These publications have led to important public interest outcomes.

(See Letter from International Media, at C11.)

We have also received letters describing some of the individual effects of the released information. Azzurra Crispino, an Associate Professor of Philosophy at a Texas community college who was involved in Occupy Austin, and has corresponded with Jeremy at the Metropolitan Correctional Center, noted that a Stratfor email indicated that she and other peaceful protestors were being infiltrated by an undercover agent from the Texas department of Public safety who was reporting to Stratfor. (See Letter from Azzurra Crispino, at C23-24.) Rakia Raven, an American journalist living and working in Bhopal India and covering the Bhopal disaster in which a deadly gas leak from an American-owned factory led to thousands of deaths, discovered from the leaked Stratfor emails that Dow Chemical had been hiring people to spy on individuals who were working to get the victims of this disaster compensation. She believes the spying was an attempt to subvert the efforts of these individuals. (See Letter from Rakia Raven, at C27-28.) The Stratfor emails also revealed that Dow Chemical hired Stratfor to follow the activities of the Yes Men, Andy Bichlbaum and Mike Bonanno, a team of filmmakers interested in documenting the Bhopal struggle. These emails, collected over several years, described everything the filmmakers did in connection with the Bhopal disaster. (See Letter from the Yes Men, at C22.)

Another American journalist, Alexa O'Brien, wrote about her discovery, by way of the Stratfor emails, "that private security contractors with ties to the US government were 'specifically asked to connect' a campaign finance reform group that I helped found 'to any Saudi or other fundamentalist Islamic movements.'" Ms. O'Brien was so chilled by the information, that she made it a part of her submission to Judge Katherine B. Forrest in Hedges v. Obama, 12 Cv. 331(KBF) a lawsuit in which she is a plaintiff. The lawsuit, pending in the SDNY, seeks to enjoin certain provisions of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). On the basis of this and other submissions and Ms. O'Brien's testimony, Judge Forrest found Ms. O'Brien had a "reasonable fear of detention pursuant to § 1021(b)(2)", which permits the indefinite detention, without trial, of anyone suspected of providing "substantial support" to terrorist groups. (See Letter from Alexa O'Brien, at C26); see also Docket # 61 in 12 Cv. 331 (KBF), Opinion and Order in by Katherine B. Forrest dated September 12, 2012, pp. 20-25)

Many of the letters we have received describe our client's conduct in the instant case as acts of civil disobedience, and stress that his "hactivism" should be viewed in these terms. Richard Stallman, a noted technologist whose embrace of the word "hacker" is addressed above, wrote that "Jeremy Hammond is a fine example of a socially responsible hacker. He found a clever way to expose the many nefarious deeds that Stratfor was planning and proposing." (See C14.) Maureen Eckert, a Professor in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Massachusetts, noted that that "Jeremy's political activism, often called 'hactivism,' is a new context in which Civil Disobedience has emerged with respect to technology in the 21<sup>st</sup> century." (See Letter from Professor Maureen Eckert, at C19-20.) Noting that the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act ("CFAA") does not make a distinction between "those breaking the law for illegal

profit and those breaking the law without profit as their aim,” Professor Eckert reasoned that Mr. Hammond’s moral motivations distinguish him from the class of criminals for which the law was enacted, and that for this reason, he should be treated with leniency. (See *Id.*) Others, including Baher Azmy, the Legal Director from the Center for Constitutional Rights, questioned the increasing use of the CFAA “to target socially-conscious activists,” like Jeremy Hammond, “who choose to leak sensitive information to media organizations in an effort to highlight corporate or government wrongdoing,” and cited recent legislative efforts to reform the CFAA, following the tragic suicide of activist and computer programmer Aaron Swartz. (See Letter from Baher Azmy, at C15-16.)

Among the letters seeking leniency on the basis of Mr. Hammond’s motivations are two letters from former clients/subscribers of Stratfor – victims of Mr. Hammond’s conduct. In his letter, Anthony C. Arthur, a radio operator living in Canada and former Stratfor subscriber, cites Mr. Hammond’s political motivations as a reason he believes the Court should be lenient in this case. He wrote, “[Mr. Hammond’s] break-in of the Stratfor computers was clearly a political protest that ultimately showed he had no intent to profit from data uncovered by his actions.” (See Letter from Anthony C. Arthur, at C21.) Mr. Arthur expressed his opinion that he views the hack as “a catalyst for Stratfor, its customers, including myself to utilize better computer security practices.” (*Id.*) Similarly, Nigel Parry, a Stratfor client and freelance journalist and web-designer from St. Paul, Minnesota, asks the Court for leniency. (See Letter from Nigel Parry, at C31-39.)

Others praised Mr. Hammond for performing a public service by making information available to the public and sparking dialogue on critical issues. Charles Emmer, a Professor of Philosophy at Emporia State University in Kansas, impressed by Mr. Hammond’s motivations and the information revealed by his actions, wrote that Mr.

Hammond's "sentencing should be made in view of his altruistic motives and the great public service he has carried out." (See Letter from Professor Charles Emmer, at C40-41.) After listing some of the information revealed by the Stratfor hack, including spying done for "Dow Chemical, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, and Raytheon to provide dossiers on their perceived enemies," that included "faculty and student organizations on US campuses," Professor Emmer realized that he, as an academic was "potentially in the crosshairs." In his letter to the Court he writes,

The fact that bodies of higher education are considered "targets" for surveillance by Stratfor's corporate clients, also raises the important question, how much are US government agencies taking part in this targeting of educational institutions to stifle their discussions? It is thanks to Jeremy Hammond that these important issues can be discussed at all, and that we have at least the basis for pursuing a much-needed public inquiry into these associations.

(*Id.*)

Finally, counsel received letters from Daniel Ellsberg and Jesselyn Radack, whistle blowers who, like Mr. Hammond, made public disclosures at great personal risk. Mr. Ellsberg, "the first person prosecuted in the U.S. for unauthorized disclosure," wrote that he continues to be "a supporter of the need for whistle blowing to maintain a constitutional republic and avoid grave governmental abuses." (See Letter from Daniel Ellsberg, at C1.) Mr. Ellsberg likened Mr. Hammond's conduct to his own, writing "My decision to go public with the Pentagon Papers was a difficult one. At my own risk, I released them, just as Jeremy Hammond has done." (*Id.*) Ms. Radack, a former ethics adviser to the Department of Justice, "disclosed that the Federal Bureau of Investigation committed an ethics violation in their interrogation of John Walker Lindh without an attorney". (See Letter from Jesselyn Radack, at C2.) She views Mr. Hammond as "a patriot who only sought to provide transparency and expose the surveillance crimes being perpetrated on the American people."

While neither Ms. Radack nor Mr. Ellsberg is a hacker – each disclosed classified information to which they had access, but no legal right to divulge. They both view Mr. Hammond as part of the same tradition – a person who sought to expose wrongdoing and acted out of a belief that the people in a democracy have a right to information.

#### **4. Jeremy's Acceptance of Responsibility and Future Plans**

Mr. Hammond takes full responsibility for his actions. He understands that he broke the law, and that he must pay for what he has done with the loss of his liberty; supervised release; restitution of up to \$2.5 million dollars; and a possible fine. While Mr. Hammond does not minimize his actions, he maintains that he acted in civil disobedience and that his motivation was always to reveal secrets that he believed and still believes the people in our democracy have a right to know. That said, Mr. Hammond is not without regret. He sincerely regrets that the private information of innocent parties was released to the public, and any consequences suffered as a result of that breach of privacy.

Since his incarceration at the Metropolitan Correctional Center (“MCC”) in March of 2012, Mr. Hammond has maintained his commitment to volunteerism. For over a year, he taught GED classes once a week for 5-10 students and provided individual tutoring sessions two-three times a week.<sup>23</sup> And for six months, he taught guitar classes with guitars provided by the MCC. Because there were only four guitars, there were only three spots available in the course he offered, but all three participants were committed to the class and received certificates for their participation at its conclusion.<sup>24</sup> In addition to the contributions he has made as a teacher, Mr. Hammond has volunteered to

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<sup>23</sup> Mr. Hammond would like to continue to offer GED classes. However, he is prohibited from offering them on his current unit, which does not have classroom space.

<sup>24</sup> . Another limitation on this activity was that the guitars were kept in the library, and Mr. Hammond was only permitted to teach during his library hours.



organize group activities (with the permission of correctional staff), setting up a number of chess and spades tournaments.

Going forward, Mr. Hammond is committed to leading a law-abiding life. Through his volunteer efforts, both past and present, he understands that there are lawful ways to “be the change” and to make a contribution to a better world. He is continuing those efforts while incarceration, and once released, Mr. Hammond plans to be a participant, both in his local community and in larger struggles for equal rights and social justice. He plans to continue his community work and will work with his local community center when he is released, and if there is not such a center in the neighborhood in which he lives, he is committed to working with others to create one. He would like to be part of movements to democratize computer access, to work helping disenfranchised communities have equal access to technology, and to teach computers, math and web design. He also wants to help non-profit organizations set up secure internet infrastructures.

## **5. Family Support**

As discussed above, we have received over 250 letters of support for Jeremy Hammond. 64 of these letters – over twenty-five percent – come from family, friends and members of Mr. Hammond’s community who know him personally.<sup>25</sup> As Mr. Hammond is committed to continuing social justice activism and community work through lawful means, this base of support, which includes many Chicago-based organizers and activists, will clearly help him realize that goal.

Mr. Hammond is also fortunate that he has the support his family, who are committed to remaining in his life and helping him reenter society once he is released.

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<sup>25</sup> We have not included in this total members of Mr. Hammond’s Chicago community who know him by reputation only.

While not everyone in Jeremy's family shares his political perspective, everyone views him with respect and love. Describing her political perspective as "mostly conservative," Rose Collins, Mr. Hammond's mother, wrote a candid letter in which she explained that although she and her son have different political beliefs and different value systems, they often have very similar goals. (See Letter from Rose Collins, at A1-A2.) For instance, Mrs. Collins wrote,

both of us have done a great deal of volunteering. Jeremy has organized food distribution to the homeless and soup kitchens. As an activist he helped others stand up for what they believe. I volunteer at my church and at my younger kids' schools.

(*Id.*) Mrs. Collins noted that their differences led to "some heated debate," and she related a discussion she once had with Jeremy about the guilty he felt at having more than others:

We once had a discussion about how he felt guilt that he got paid a lot of money to play around with computers (he was a web designer), while others did heavy manual labor and got less than enough to make ends meet. I tried to explain how I could train him in 5 minutes to clean restrooms, while I couldn't do what he did if I had 10 years training. I think he gave much and probably most of what he earned to others who needed it more. I believe some of us are blessed with abundance so that we can help others. I don't think he sees it that way. But he behaves that way. I am very proud of my son.

(*Id.*) With respect to Jeremy's conduct in this case, Mrs. Collins does "believe that he crossed the line." (*Id.*) She remains supportive of her son, and hopes he will find "a better way to make the world a better place." (*Id.*) Similarly, Mrs. Collin's brother, Jeff Anderson, has also written a letter to the Court. Mr. Anderson does not approve of what his nephew did. But he described Jeremy as a "good person" and "great teacher" who is "more than willing to help anyone in need." (See Letter from Jeff Anderson, at A9.) He writes that the family "will be there to support him when he gets out and will help him see the right road to choose." (*Id.*)

Mr. Hammond's brother Jason wrote a detailed letter about their lives growing up, including the development of Jeremy's political and social consciousness, and his participation, in high school and college, in groups that "met to discuss current events, examine history, and study social justice movements." (See Letter from Jason Hammond, at A3-6.) He also wrote about Jeremy's volunteerism and his commitment to local community groups. (*Id.*) During Jeremy's work with these groups, Jason watched his brother's "youthful idealism" develop into "a well thought-out and genuine desire to work towards a free and equal society." (*Id.*)

Jason Hammond acknowledges that prior to Jeremy's arrest, "no one around him had any idea that he was getting involved in the group called Anonymous." (*Id.*) Since Jeremy's arrest, Jason has come to believe – as many who have written to the Court do – that "Jeremy's actions were a continuation of his belief in the importance of open and informed discussion about political and social issues." (*Id.*) Similarly, Jeremy's father, Jack Hammond, urges the Court to consider his son's motivations, writing that Jeremy's "work, indeed, his entire life has never been about his own profit, self-enrichment, or personal gain," but "for the advancement of moral and human principle, the betterment of an individual's life, human society, and service to the cause of freedom." (See Letter from Jack Hammond, at A7-8.)

Jason Hammond closes his letter with a description of both the broad network of support Jeremy has waiting for him in Chicago, as well as the good that he believes his brother can do when he is released:

Jeremy has a lot going for him out here in Chicago. His friends, his family – we all miss him. He brings with him a hearty spirit of kindness for everyone he meets. Please consider the positive contributions he has made to society when sentencing my brother. In my experience, it is rare to find someone who goes above and beyond, and oftentimes out of their way to help a person. There is much that we can learn from Jeremy in

terms of his technical abilities...he has a spirit which rises to help people, and address suffering and injustice. I know that when Jeremy is released, he will be able to find meaningful employment and positive activities to contribute to society.

(See A6.) We also received letters of support from Jeremy's grandparents, Jimmie and Clyde Collins, who love and support him, (See Letter from Jimmie and Clyde Collins, at A10) and from Jeremy's girlfriend, Maria Sosa, wrote about the love and support he will receive upon release, which she believes "will guarantee that he not repeat the actions that have put him in Prison." (See Letter from Maria Sosa, at A11.) Ms. Sosa, a professional chef, met Jeremy while doing food distribution to the needy.

### **CONCLUSION**

Every so often, we have a client who, apart from their criminal conduct, is clearly a community asset. In these rare cases, we receive letters attesting to that person's commitment to caring for others and helping them succeed, his or her investment in volunteer efforts, and clear examples of how they have themselves and their abilities to make their community, their country, and community a better place. In these cases, we are normally in a position to set the client's criminal conduct in stark contrast to the good he or she has done, and to cast that conduct as aberrant.

This is not one of those cases. In this case, Mr. Hammond's commitment to humanity and desire to do good and make change in the world includes both lawful conduct that is highlighted and praised in letter after letter, as well as unlawful conduct; his arrests for civil disobedience at demonstrations on the streets of Chicago, and his conduct in this case. It is not lost on counsel, or on Mr. Hammond, that his actions in this case came at great cost – to Stratfor, to the other companies and law enforcement organizations whose websites Mr. Hammond defaced, and in many cases, to individuals whose public information was revealed. We do not argue that the costs and

consequences of Mr. Hammond's actions are justified by his motivation. But his motivation matters nonetheless, and is a factor this Court should consider in determining the appropriate punishment in this case.

Mr. Hammond is part of a generation of highly skilled technologists who are deeply committed to social justice. His unlawful conduct in this case was undertaken in the context of growing national and international concerns about privacy in this new era of surveillance technologies. According to the Electronic Freedom Foundation,

The reach of these technologies is astonishingly broad: governments can listen in on cell phone calls, use voice recognition to scan mobile networks, read emails and text messages, censor web pages, track a citizen's every movement using GPS, and can even change email contents while en route to a recipient. Some tools are installed using the same type of malicious malware and spyware used by online criminals to steal credit card and banking information. They can secretly turn on webcams built into personal laptops and microphones in cell phones not being used. And all of this information is filtered and organized on such a massive scale that it can be used to spy on every person in an entire country.<sup>26</sup>

Mr. Hammond is concerned with both transparency and privacy –how the government and private corporations are using these technologies, and how individual rights are potentially being violated by their uses. As a person with considerable technological skill, he felt a responsibility to use his abilities to potentially unmask unlawful surveillance and intelligence-gathering efforts and seek out hidden truths.

Mr. Hammond deeply regrets that his actions trampled on privacy rights, revealed personal data, and caused individual harm. He accepts full responsibility for what he did, and understands that there must be consequences. He accepted those consequences the minute he sat down at his computer, and made the decision to take the actions he took. But after two prosecutions and two terms of incarceration for hacking-related activities, these are consequences that Mr. Hammond hopes to never face again. His

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<sup>26</sup> See <https://www.eff.org/issues/mass-surveillance-technologies>

experience in prison has taught him that he can be productive sharing his skills lawfully. He is committed to continuing his efforts as a community organizer and activist, to giving of his time and his abilities to underprivileged people and organizations working towards meaningful social change. Mr. Hammond has tremendous capacity to do good as well as the desire to do it. The letters we received are a testament to his dedication to making a difference.

At the time of his sentence, Mr. Hammond will have spent over 20 months incarcerated. We submit that a sentence of time served is "sufficient, but not greater than necessary" to accomplish the goals of sentencing.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York  
November 1, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

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**Case No. 12 Cr. 185 (LAP)**

**JEREMY HAMMOND,**

**Defendant.**

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**EXHIBIT A LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM FAMILY**

EXHIBIT A

Letters of Support from Family

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The Honorable Judge Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
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October 4, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I am Jeremy Hammond's natural mother and am writing to you in the hope that you can understand a little about my son and to plea for a fair and lenient sentence. First though, I would like to thank you for your kindness when I attended his hearing in April. Spending 10 minutes talking to my boy, even if I was unable to give him a hug, made the entire trip worthwhile, and was an unexpected treat for me. The sentencing hearing in November falls on my 50th birthday.

Jeremy is, as you know, a genius with a cause, and seemingly no respect for law and order. This is not exactly who he is. He has very high ethics and is true to his beliefs; he would not say one thing and do another. He's always sticking up for the downtrodden. Even when he was a child, he helped others. Once in elementary school Jeremy and his brother defended the one black kid at the bus stop who was being bullied by the other kids.

His basic value set is very different than mine so we disagree on many things, although often have a similar goal for different reasons.

For instance both of us have done a great deal of volunteering. Jeremy has organized food distribution to the homeless and soup kitchens. As an activist he helped others stand up for what they believe. I volunteer at my church and spent 13 years volunteering at my younger kids' schools. I certainly wanted to help others, but I also wanted close contact with those educating my kids as well as encouraging them to excel. That probably makes it less in Jeremy's viewpoint as my goals were somewhat selfish. He has very high standards.

My political viewpoints are mostly conservative, which has led to some heated debate. We once had a discussion about how he felt guilt that he got paid a lot of money to play around with computers (he was a web designer), while others did heavy manual labor and got less than enough to make ends meet. I tried to explain how I could train him in 5 minutes to clean restrooms, while I couldn't do what he did if I had 10 years training. I think he gave much and probably most of the money he earned to others who needed it more. I believe that some of us are blessed with abundance so that we can help others. I don't think he sees it that way. But he behaves that way. I am very proud of my son.

The Honorable Judge Loretta A. Preska  
Southern District of New York  
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I do believe he crossed the line.

However in light of the many recent scandals exposed by others it makes me wonder if people like this are necessary. Edward Snowden has exposed some alarming abuses of my taxpayer money. Jeremy has been called "the other Bradley Manning." This angers me. In my opinion Manning is a traitor to his country. He took an oath and turned on us, possibly exposing information that harms and weakens America. Jeremy never took such an oath, and I don't believe he caused anywhere near the level of harm Manning or Snowden caused. I am not sure because I'm afraid to go to Wikileaks, as Mr. Snowden showed me how everything I do is being watched. It is a vicious circle. I don't approve of Snowden but I'm glad to know some of what he shared about those running (ruining?) this country. I wish we really could have the egalitarian society Jeremy wants to help begin, but I don't believe it is possible this side of Heaven.

And then we have Aaron Schwartz, whom if I understand properly, committed suicide because he was looking at several hundred years for releasing to society textbooks and reference material that the taxpayers had already paid to produce. As the mother of one looking at an unrealistic sentence for exposing crimes of what he considers a much more serious offense than what he was doing, I find this horrifying. Although in all honesty, exposing that the government was keeping an eye on the occupy people and others who want to "remake" my country into something that has never worked in all of history gives me some little hope that not all of my tax contributions were wasted.

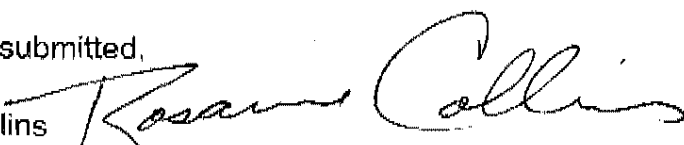
The others who were picked up at the same time as Jeremy have gotten much more reasonable sentences. Although I don't like the idea of using the laws of other countries as a precedent for our own, in this case I think they were more just.

Please consider giving my son a sentence of time served. My hope for Jeremy is to find a better way to make the world a better place. He's smart enough. He just needs to stop pointing fingers at stereotypes and figure out how to rid the world of the jerk gene which is the one thing we all have in common.

Thank you for your consideration and I will see you in November.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosanne Collins



Loretta A. Preska  
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October 10, 2013

Dear Judge Preska,

My name is Jason Hammond, and I am Jeremy Hammond's twin brother. We were both born and raised in Glendale Heights, a western suburb of Chicago. I am a working musician and I now live in the city of Chicago. I have always been very close to my brother, having lived with him my whole life, except for two brief periods that add up to around two years. His arrest has had a tragic affect on our family and the community in which Jeremy lived. It's a big emotional loss to miss a family member so much and it has also prevented a committed individual from continuing to work to support those in the neighborhood and city he loves. I would like to tell you a little bit about Jeremy, so you may understand how he is a valued member of our community here in Chicago and beyond.

Jeremy and I were raised by our father Jack. Most of our childhood I remember our father working two jobs to sustain me and Jeremy. Even though our father did not graduate high school, he raised us to be creative, intelligent, hard-working critical thinkers. He taught us to read and do basic math at a young age, even before Kindergarten. Jack always encouraged us to set goals for ourselves and also try different types of activities so that we would become well rounded individuals. Growing up we were always in the same baseball teams, chess clubs, theater groups, computer classes, etc. At the age of 15 we both became employed: I got a job at the music store where our dad worked, and Jeremy at Mac Specialist, a computer service store. We both loved going to school and participated in as many activities as we could and we continued this active involvement beyond high school.

If there is one thing that I would say about my brother Jeremy, it is that he possesses well thought out convictions. We were seniors in high school in Lombard, IL, when 9/11 happened. As we viewed this event from the television screen with a kind of stunned shock, we experienced a significant change in the attitudes of our fellow student body. Many people, including friends of ours, began saying some extremely racist and ignorant things. We were upset with these reactions, because we were taught to respect all peoples. Because this was the most interesting and significant political event that had an actual effect on us, we became more interested in examining the way our society operates, and even thinking critically or differently to attempt an answer to some of the more difficult questions. Why is there hatred? Why is there war? Why is their inequality and injustice? In asking these questions, we found we were not alone. While most of our friends were into playing video games or sports, we began hanging out with people with similar interests as us to have discussions about social justice and activism. This eventually evolved into a teacher sponsored official school club called the Student Liberation Collective, and in addition to publishing its own newsletter, it also succeeded in organizing and executing a 'walk out' and march to demonstrate against the war in Afghanistan. The walk out was generally supported by the school administrators, and was organized in such a way that nobody got in trouble. Probably over 200 students walked to downtown Lombard, and most of them took the Metra suburban train to Chicago to participate in an even broader anti-war rally. This was the beginning of our political consciousness.



Jeremy enrolled in the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) in 2003, immediately after high school and studied Computer and Political Sciences, and moved to a neighborhood called Pilsen, which is close to the university. In addition to attending classes and working his job at Mac Specialist, he also continued pursuing activism, and began being more involved in community justice groups. At UIC he was involved in the Political Discussion and Action group, Campus Anti-War Network and Free Society, all groups where people met to discuss current events, examine history, and study social justice movements. Outside of the university, Jeremy joined members of the Pilsen community in various other projects, including Food not Bombs, a neighborhood volunteer group that met at least once a week to cook and distribute free food and clothes to low-income or homeless individuals and families. He also participated in setting up a free public computer lab called the Daisy Chain, complete with access to internet, scanning, and printing facilities. The computer lab became an after school hangout for youth in the area. Jeremy also helped kids with homework and showed them how to use different applications on the computer. At that time, Jeremy also worked as a web developer at Rome & Company, a business consulting and managing company in downtown Chicago. This was a job where ordinarily they would hire people with multiple degrees in computer and web development, but they hired Jeremy because they were impressed with his abilities. He would continue with this job for many years to come. Jeremy really learned a good amount from these groups during this time period and I believe his youthful idealism matured into a well thought-out and genuine desire to work towards a free and equal society.

It was around this time that Jeremy was arrested for the first time for computer hacking. The site he hacked was a group of right-wing activists called "Protest Warrior" (PW). Protest Warriors went to anti-war demonstrations to "counter-protest." On their website, they would insult and demean the people who had attended the demonstrations. For example, they would post a photograph of an Arab-American who attended the demonstrations with the caption, "Saddam Hussein decides to make a guest appearance at today's rally." Jeremy had gained access to their website, including access to some credit card information, although he never once used them or make any transactions or post people's information anywhere. Jeremy was sentenced to 5 years for possession of credit card numbers and was incarcerated at Greenville, Illinois for 1 year and 8 months.

Although saddened by this event, everyone he knew had supported him because we understood that Jeremy had not intended to hurt anyone, but merely embarrass a hateful group. While he was in Greenville, he participated in numerous positive activities, including tutoring people studying for their GED, reading countless books, working out, and even playing in a band, if you could believe it. Prior to his arrest, he did not pick up the guitar too much, but I sent him sheet music for songs and learning exercises for the guitar and he learned how to play. We sent Jeremy reading material and wrote him frequently so he could keep up with what was going on and not feel so lonely. His family and friends visited him as much as possible, and even though Greenville is around 500 miles away from Chicago, I managed to visit him around 5-6 times during this year and a half period.

Upon being released, we were ecstatic to see Jeremy able to live his life again. In anticipation, I had moved into a new apartment in Pilsen to have a place ready for him. Things quickly came together for Jeremy- he was rehired at Rome & Company and also began playing in a band with me and a few other friends. We would eventually play shows and fundraisers for various groups, such as the Rainforest Action Network (an environmental rights group), sometimes for the benefit of friends in need of help with medical bills, and also for a community center and lending library called Biblioteca Popular, where Jeremy would later become a volunteer. The community center was a great space and had numerous programs, including a very large public library, a kitchen used for Food not Bombs, a Free School, and also functioned as a meeting spot for different community groups such as GenderJust.



The center also hosted public cultural events, such as a weekly Open Mic night and numerous video screenings. Jeremy was a volunteer for the library, tutored math to people of all ages in the neighborhood and he set up a few computers for people to use. Jeremy also hosted Midwest Book Through Bars, a program that would send books and other reading material to people who were incarcerated upon their request. This was especially important for people in prison who did not always have access to reading material. This program is still in operation today. In addition to volunteering at the library, Jeremy also joined a number of environmental rights groups such as Little Village Environmental Justice Organization, Pilsen Environmental Rights and Reform Organization, and also Rainforest Action Network. These are community groups that worked to educate people about environmental issues through public discussions, demonstrations, and also working with schools and even politicians to make an impact. These groups are well celebrated for having a positive and inspiring influence on the community.

Prior to Jeremy's arrest for the Strategic Forecasting (Stratfor) leak, no one around him had any inkling that he was getting involved in the group called Anonymous. Jeremy was happily involved in the same positive projects- playing in the band, working, volunteering where he could. We found out about the WikiLeaks release by reading the newspapers and seeing it on TV, and we were sincerely surprised. Since then, I have done a lot of research into Stratfor and some of the other groups Jeremy has pleaded guilty to releasing information about and the complex nature of the FBI's involvement in the case. I have also talked to Jeremy extensively and have remained very close and supportive of him while he has been in custody.

Jeremy plead guilty to gaining access to computers unauthorized to him, violating the CFAA act. However, displaying the information publicly was an action that was not one made for personal gain. He provided the information to Wikileaks so that the world can be made aware of the actions of Strategic Forecasting (STRATFOR). I believe Jeremy's motivations for the exposing of their computer networks were to further the democratic process. Since this information has been released, many people have spoken out against Stratfor, saying that they have violated of people's constitutional rights to privacy and free speech. It raises the important issue of government transparency because when a US agency hires a private company to do work on their behalf, the people have a right to know what the group is doing. Jeremy's actions were a continuation of his belief in the importance of open and informed discussion about political and social issues.

I know that Jeremy's actions were motivated sincerely by his devotion to a free and equal society. Our country's history has been made by people who risked their own well-being for the benefit of others, and while it is true that Jeremy violated the law, there has been a positive outcome in terms of public awareness of the overreaching surveillance by Stratfor.


Jeremy has a lot going for him out here in Chicago. His friends, his family – we all miss him. He brings with him a hearty spirit of kindness for everyone he meets. Please consider the positive contributions he has made to society when sentencing my brother. In my experience, it is rare to find someone who goes above and beyond, and oftentimes out of their way to help a person. There is much that we can learn from Jeremy in terms of his technical abilities which he has made to use with his employment as well as working as a tutor to many people. He has a spirit which rises to help people, and address suffering and injustice. I know that when Jeremy is released, he will be able to find meaningful employment and positive activities to contribute to society.

I love my brother, and I would like to see him home again soon. In my opinion, 10 years is too many years to give a good person. Please consider a sentence fitting for someone who truly means well.

Thank you for your time,

Jason Hammond  
Jeremy's twin brother

[REDACTED]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jason Hammond". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below a redacted area.

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

To the Honorable Loretta Preska,

My name is Jack Hammond, and I am the father of Jeremy Hammond, who appears before you today. I am writing to share a few thoughts that I hope you would take into consideration as you go through the process of determining his sentence.

I won't take up your time by reciting from the long list of good works and unselfish contributions to the benefit of others and of society. There will be no shortage of testimony from others in this area. Nor will I read from the litany of his many achievements and productive work history. These stand on their own. Rather, I will only say that having raised Jeremy on my own from an early age, I am in a position to know better than anyone the measure of his character, and his singular devotion to a higher moral standard.

Throughout his life, I can attest that Jeremy has never once acted out of selfishness or for personal gain. Instead, his every act and his every endeavor has been altruistic in nature, whether for the benefit of individuals, or of society as a whole. He is possessed of a high moral conscience, a powerful sense of right and wrong, and stands unflinchingly by these values, even when society tries to entice him to act differently. It would be very easy for him to use his remarkable skills to enrich himself, yet he has never done so.

Thus, when society, or the state, or a large corporation uses its vast resources in a manner that is unjust, or injurious to those less powerful (as those entities have been known historically to do), he is called upon, by his nature, to act in the defense of what is right, and in opposition to what is wrong, or harmful to the people. He does so without fear, and without regard to the consequences to himself, because he knows that he serves a higher power; that of the ideal of human freedom and dignity. In other less cynical times, or in other situations, he would be called a patriot, though I'm sure he himself would reject that label. To many, and surely to me, he is a hero.

We are living in a time where, because of the internet, social media, etc, the rules concerning privacy are being redefined, reconsidered, and often fashioned anew from whole cloth. Consequently, questions concerning the governments relationship to it's citizens are being raised across the country, and new protocols are being established before our very eyes. Often, these protocols are being dictated by government fiat: the state decides that it needs these powers, and then establishes laws that gives official sanction (or the appearance of) to them.

Fortunately, thanks to the work of people like Jeremy, or Julian Assange, Edward Snowden, etc, we are now able to have that national conversation, and the state is less able to operate under the shroud of secrecy, or in the guise of national security. We, in short, now know what our government is doing.

This country was founded on the idea that citizens should have oversight over their government. This requires an informed citizenry, and a transparent government, whose inner workings and machinations are available to be scrutinized, and judged by the public.

Conversely, the private lives and activities of citizens are, according to our founding principles, intended to be beyond the purview of the government, to the fullest extent possible. These guidelines are outlined definitively in our constitution; citizens are afforded a right to privacy. Nowhere does the constitution grant the government (or a corporation) a similar right. In fact, it calls for just the opposite; that the government be subject to the constant and detailed scrutiny of the governed, in order that they might make informed and intelligent decisions as to how they are to be governed, and on how



the state, in our name, is to conduct it's business.

Yet in these times, these principles have been turned on their head. We know, through the works of Snowden, etc, that the government accesses and stores our most intimate and personal information, while if a citizen gains access to the workings and operations of the government (and those it employs) they are prosecuted to the fullest extent allowable, the intention being to discourage other citizens from learning too much about what our government is doing. And much of what the government is doing may be objectionable, reprehensible, or even criminal, as we have seen via the information published by Wikileaks, and subsequently made available and verified by the mainstream press. I dislike the term 'whistle-blower', but where would we be without the diligent investigative work that produced the 'Pentagon Papers.' for example, or more recently, the 'fast and furious; revelations, all of which is now available for the concerned citizen to parse, analyze, and draw conclusions from. The 'Stratfor Hack' produced information that was used by over 40 mainstream media outlets. And once again, would we be now having this crucial national conversation about our government eavesdropping and internet privacy if not for the work of the Snowdens of the world?

Do governments and private corporations have protected rights that private citizens do not? Why is it 'unauthorized access to a protected computer' when a private citizen wants to find out what the government is doing, yet perfectly legal for the government to use the same tools and techniques to conduct massive and generic storage of private communications of private citizens. This situation is the diametric opposite of what the framers of the constitution intended. Rather than being vilified and jailed, these brave pioneers, who are bringing these questions to the public's attention, should be revered as the direct philosophical descendants of the founding fathers, avatars of a new social compact between government and governed, to establish anew the principals of democracy in the digital age, a 'Fifth Estate' (as the movie says) to supplement the press as a guardian against state excess and tyranny.

When considering the investigation and prosecution of an alleged crime, it is customary to take into account the motive. I respectfully urge you to give great weight to Jeremy's motives when deciding upon his sentence. His work, indeed, his entire life has never been about his own profit, self-enrichment, or personal gain. It has always been for the advancement of moral and human principle, the betterment of an individual's life, human society, and service to the cause of freedom. In these times, the lines that define where individual freedom lies have become blurred and confused by the increasingly complex questions raised by technology and expanding government encroachment in our lives. Jeremy's motives, however, are pure and simple: the same, at root, as those who founded our country and encoded its principles in the constitution. At one time, they too were considered 'outside the law' as they fought against an oppressive and encroaching government. They, like Jeremy, stood by their ideals and moral purity, and they survived to establish the very same principals that Jeremy is fighting for now.

Freedom cannot be maintained, nor democracy ensured without the informed consent of the people. It is this that Jeremy has taken a stand for. It would be a much easier path for him to sell out, to renounce his principles and to participate in what he fully understands to be a subversion of the democratic ideal. He has chosen instead to embrace something that is bigger than himself. That is a testament to his character, and to his great credit, and because of that, I am immeasurably proud of him, even as I grieve over the situation he finds himself in.

As a father who loves his son, but also as a citizen who prides the ideals that this country was founded on, that an informed citizenry is the most important criteria for a functioning democratic government, I ask that you take into account what I have said, and I ask that you sentence him to the time he has served, and release him into the company of those who love him.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jack Hammond,  
9-17-2013



Mr. Jeremy Hammond

10-21-2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Hello Chief Judge Preska,

My name is Jeffrey George Anderson. I am Jeremy's mothers older brother. I helped with my sister right after the birth of her twins Jeremy and Jason. I had the twins over for holidays at my home many times for family events. Jeremy was always polite and a helpful hand around the house. More than willing to help anyone in need. I did know he was computer literate, but not to this extent or in the manner he carried out his beliefs. I was not aware of his motivations and intentions. I also do not approve of what he did and believe he should pay for the bad choices he made. But I think a sentence of 10 years does not fit the crime.

Jeremy is a very bright young man, I feel it would be a waste of a good person to put him away for a decade. Please be lenient on my nephew when you sentence him. I know in prison he will help people that is what he is good at. He has done pretty well in the past. He is a great teacher and has taught inmates to read, write and other GED related trainings. He truly cares about people and loves life. We will be there to support him when he gets out and will help him see the right road to choose.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. Have a wonderful day.

Jeffrey George Anderson

[REDACTED]



I have moved from this address as of 10-15-13. My mail is on vacation hold and I do not have access to it. And I plan on moving to Texas in November.

To the Honorable Judge Loretta Preska,

This letter is concerning Jeremy Hammond. Jeremy was 5 when our son married his mom. From that moment, he was our grandson. He was a loving, giving child, and always respectful to both my husband and myself. Years passed. Children grow; and although we don't see any of our grandchildren as much as we would wish to, he asks about us, sends us his love, and that means so much to both of us.

I talk to his mom each week, and she and I are close and we never fail to talk about when Jeremy was young. I understand that he helped others who were less fortunate, and to me that shows he is still a caring, young man, just as he was a caring child. He can and I trust will be an asset to society, if given the chance. Thank you for reading this letter and be assured that it comes from the heart.

Respectfully yours,

Mr. and Mrs. Collins  
Grandma and Grandpa

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Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY. 10007

10/08/2013

Dear Judge Preska:


My Name is Maria Sosa I live in Chicago and work as a professional Chef who has worked closely with other chefs in creating community dinners for at risk youth and who has also used my talents to raise funds for Women's Shelters and other Community organizations who are in need of funding. Judge Preska, I am aware that Jeremy has pled guilty to violating the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. But I would like to ask you to please consider some leniency towards him...I Beg of you. I have known Jeremy for well over 7 years; he is my partner, fiancé and my best friend, my confidant. And in my correspondences with him he has shown me that when released he will lead a normal life with me and will not risk going back and being separated from me again.

My most fond memory of him is one of our last conversations we had in person. We talked about how we wanted to see the next generation of at risk youth gain self confidence and independence. We also talked about how the younger generations deserve to know the unconditional love and faith in humanity and that it is up to us as an older generation and with actions that we continue to show that to the generations that follow.

I knew from day one, that he was the one. He's humble, generous and Courageous and has always seen the positive in every situation no matter how negative it seemed. I met him while working with a group that fed a community who otherwise would have not have had a decent meal that day. His consideration for the well being of others surpasses anyone that I have ever met. Love is such a powerful deterrent Judge Preska and the love that Jeremy and I have will guarantee that he not repeat the actions that have put him in Prison. I will make sure of that!

Please take into consideration that his actions were not meant to hurt anyone and his motivations were not for financial gain. Again, I understand that he has to be held accountable for his actions. I also feel that almost two years in prison away from his love, his family, and most importantly his community has made him really think about his actions. I humbly ask of you, please allow Jeremy to be next to me and his family and the people who love him.

Sincerely,

  
Maria Sosa

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**-against-**

**Case No. 12 Cr. 185 (LAP)**

**JEREMY HAMMOND,**

**Defendant.**

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**EXHIBIT B LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES**

## EXHIBIT B

### Letters of Support from Friends and Colleagues

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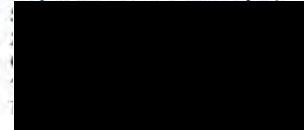
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Department of Philosophy



October 4, 2013

*Regarding the Sentencing of Jeremy Hammond*

To the Honorable Loretta Preska,

It is my understanding that you will in the very near future make a decision regarding the sentencing of Jeremy Hammond. I would like to take this brief opportunity to make a short statement as to his character.

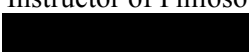
I've met Jeremy on several occasions in Chicago, where I also reside. It has been my experience that he is an enthusiastic, well-intentioned, principled person, and a valuable member of the Chicagoland community. Despite the hard exterior one sometimes encounters among those with steadfast convictions, I have the impression that he is in the end a good kid, one in possession of a bright and talented mind that would be wasted — perhaps ruined irreversibly — by a prolonged stay in prison.

I teach philosophy at a DePaul University. Perhaps the key feature of the Vincentian tradition is its commitment to action in defense of social justice. There are some who would regard the actions Jeremy is accused of as little more than disruptive criminal acts. Others, however — and I include myself among them — see in them a recognizable commitment to values of liberty, transparency, and equality which we would be remiss to not support. Speaking personally, I regard Jeremy not as a criminal, but rather someone from our community who, though one may disagree about the validity of the means, clearly subordinated his own personal interests in pursuit of a world that would be in greater accord with principles of social justice. Since he has already endured 18 months of prison as a penitence for his transgressions, I see little use in prolonging his punishment. I would ask that you please show him mercy, consider his time served as sufficient punishment, and allow him to return to his community here in Chicago, where he may be allowed to pursue his commitment to social justice in other avenues.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K Aarons", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Kieran Aarons  
Instructor of Philosophy







*Helping You Give Wisely*

Honorable Loretta A. Preska, Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 10, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

Since the beginning of 2009, I've been working full time with a nonprofit watchdog organization, CharityWatch (founded in 1992 as the American Institute of Philanthropy). I feel very lucky to be involved in the work of researching and evaluating the efficiency, accountability & governance of nonprofit organizations, and helping to inform donors about the wasteful and unethical practices of some nonprofits and to give recognition to highly effective and ethical charities. While this work has given me a deep appreciation for the risks taken by whistleblowers and the importance of transparency and accountability—I am writing to you today not in a professional capacity but to request the court's leniency on behalf of my friend, Jeremy Hammond.

I am aware that Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. Jeremy is among the more selfless people I have had the pleasure to meet. I implore the court to show him compassion, and consider sentencing him only to time-already served.

I first met Jeremy in 2008, when my son was still an infant. My family lived in Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood then, and we were very lucky to meet a network of community-minded young people who extended a warm welcome to us, gave us friendly support, and offered us opportunities to volunteer to help feed the hungry and voice our opposition to the extreme pollution in the neighborhood.

Jeremy and his brother Jason were enthusiastically committed to all of the best humanitarian and cultural efforts of that community. Jeremy is one who seemed to wash more than his share of dishes at "Food Not Bombs" meals and potlucks. He and Jason were friendly faces, inviting strangers and friends (in English & Spanish) to take part in these meals and making sure that anyone in the neighborhood who might be hungry knew where healthy food was available for free.

I remember a couple of friends who were among my son's first babysitters discussing how they might raise funds to keep the gallery/library/community space which hosted these free meals open. Their discussion was framed in terms of not asking for too much from Jeremy, who they knew would always come through in a pinch.

I remember that Jeremy encouraged an older out-of-work friend to practice typing (with more than two fingers!) and tutored him to learn basic computer skills to help him become more employable. Jeremy was so involved in helping people that it's hard to pick out one or two things that exemplify his matter-of-fact selflessness. Jason has always seemed a little more outgoing and Jeremy most likely to step up to mundane but necessary work in support of community.

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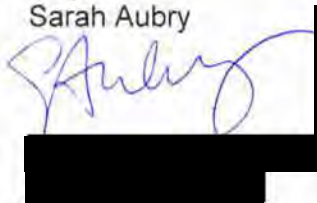
Seeing the brothers together, especially playing music, was such a treat. Both brothers have been extremely supportive of the creative efforts of our many friends in common, often the first two people dancing, and always joyfully. The combination of their infectious joy and diligent efforts to tangibly improve people's lives—this is what I think of first when I think of Jeremy and Jason. Jeremy Hammond and his brother have been such an inspiration to me, and to others who aim to cultivate community, make art, and extend help to the most vulnerable among us.

I have never known Jeremy to put his own concerns ahead of others' needs. Jeremy has not applied his great intelligence and skills with computers in the interest of personal financial gain or his own material well-being. Jeremy's actions in violation of the CFAA were politically-motivated acts of civil disobedience.

It is my understanding that Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland and in the United Kingdom received treatment that is not nearly as harsh as what Jeremy could be facing for his civil disobedience. Those co-defendants who've already been convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison, some have already been released. The disproportionate sentences associated with the CFAA seem inhumane at the very least, and out of line with America's ideals of political freedom.

It was such a shock to the community when Jeremy was arrested by a heavily-armed SWAT team. It has been heartbreaking to know he has been subjected to solitary confinement. His punishment has already far exceeded his crimes. Please show compassion and sentence Jeremy only to "time served." Permit him to return to his community-loving friends in Chicago for whom he has done so much.

Regards,  
Sarah Aubry



Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 14, 2013

Judge Preska:

I am a mother, educator and activist who has lived in Chicago for the last sixteen years. I am writing a support letter for Jeremy Hammond. Having lived in Chicago for so long, and being an activist myself, I have met Jeremy a few times, but never knew him well. Before he was incarcerated, Jeremy volunteered his time for some noble activities, including cooking for those in need, website upkeep, and ironically working with an organization that sends books to prisoners. My few interactions with Jeremy were that he is a quiet and kind soul.

I am aware that Jeremy has taken a plea bargain and pled guilty to violations of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. I write this letter to ask for leniency in sentencing Jeremy. My understanding is the maximum amount of time for this is ten years, but the minimum is zero. The crimes to which he plead guilty were not done for personal gain; they were acts of civil disobedience. This form of activism has a long history in the United States and is a form of non-violent protest, from Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King to eight congressman on October 8, 2013 pushing for Immigration Reform. Restitution to Stratfor should also be dropped; it is a ridiculous public shaming, and there is no way Jeremy will ever be able to pay it, more so if it's from jail.

I feel strongly that a private company in service to the federal government is unconstitutional and is an unjustified violation of the fourth amendment against unreasonable searches and seizures. Outsourced intelligence has no kind of oversight or regulation; under contract for the US government, they do what would be illegal for the government to do itself. People should not become fearful of expressing themselves and challenging authority; this is an affront to democracy.

Jeremy is a non-violent offender whose commitment to social justice is truly his only crime, and therefore, makes him a political prisoner. Therefore, credit for time serve should be the only sentence given.

Sincerely,  
Rachel Ann Azzarello

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[REDACTED]

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 7, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Rozalinda Borcila, I am a single mother to a five-year old girl, an artist, professor and activist in Chicago. I teach Art part-time at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and the Vermont College of Art. My daughter and I have also been deeply involved in Chicago grass-roots organizing communities her entire life, especially in immigrant rights issues. I met Jeremy Hammond as part of our work organizing town-hall meetings and discussions about immigrant detention, especially the situation of detained immigrant children. Jeremy attended several meetings, and he was even one of only five people to travel to Crete IL to participate in a town hall meeting about plans to build a new immigrant detention center.

I found Jeremy to be approachable, deeply concerned for others, very knowledgeable and a good listener. He spoke in very open and articulate ways about his ideals, his political vision, and he was also attentive to others, especially to those who have been on the receiving end of policies he felt were unjust.

Young people like Jeremy defy the general misconception of hacktivists as naive, boastful or egotistical. On the contrary, Jeremy is quite idealistic and committed to social justice. It is well known that Jeremy did not act for personal gain -- financial or otherwise. Many people can attest that his actions were politically-motivated forms of civil disobedience.

I am aware that Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. I am concerned about Jeremy's case because of the importance that civil disobedience plays in the history of social movements. In addition to other forms of organizing (popular education, grassroots mobilization, symbolic speech, protest, boycotts, strikes and so on) this country has a deep and important tradition of civil disobedience, of people transgressing rules or norms they felt were unjust in order to advocate for a political vision. It is one of the important contributions the United States has made to the world, something to be valued and not feared or demonized. I urge you to interpret Jeremy's actions in this context when considering a sentence.

Sincerely,



Rozalinda Borcila  
[REDACTED]



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October 2, 2013

The Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Re: Jeremy Hammond

Dear Judge Preska,

I've been practicing law in Chicago for almost 30 years. I do civil litigation to earn my living, but I also devote a substantial portion of my time to *pro bono publico* work as a volunteer Legal Observer for the Chicago Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild. Legal Observers go out on the streets with clients who engage in protests, demonstrations, and civil disobedience for political reasons. We are there to ensure that our clients' constitutional rights are given the respect they deserve.

I have known Jeremy Hammond for approximately 8 years, initially as a Legal Observer, but later as a neighbor as well. While first only another face in the crowd, over time Jeremy distinguished himself as an activist prepared to risk his liberty with acts of civil disobedience. Your Honor is no doubt familiar with his arrest record. As someone who was present at many of the events leading to his arrest, or present at the police lock-ups afterward, or both, I can assure you that Jeremy was always driven, not by any selfish motive, but rather by an exceedingly altruistic commitment to the causes which he advocated. And everything I saw of Jeremy's behavior in my community confirms this. Jeremy lived an ascetic life, scraping by on barely enough resources to survive. Instead of looking out for himself, he saw it as his duty to look out for others, and to help others when they needed it. He could always be counted on to help a friend or neighbor in need, frequently at the cost of substantial personal sacrifice. And his self-sacrifice extended even to what is, to him, his most precious possession, *i.e.*, his personal liberty.

If Jeremy has a fault, it is that he loves, not wisely, but perhaps too well. Jeremy is a giving, loving soul, motivated by an ardent commitment to the betterment of humanity. He is now, once again, sacrificing his most precious possession, his freedom, for a cause he sincerely

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believes to be greater than himself. His legal responsibility has been determined definitively by his plea, but his behavior as a moral person is best explained by the very American tradition of dissent and civil disobedience.

I would suggest that Your Honor consider Jeremy's motivation in determining his sentence. Jeremy is not a common criminal driven by personal gain or malice, but rather a political activist driven by an overwhelming love for humanity. I would respectfully submit that, if the worst thing you can say about this defendant is that he is bewildered by an excess of love, then he is worthy of some measure of mercy.

Sincerely,

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Jerome E. Boyle

JEB/mys

October 12, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Robert Boyle, I am a 43-year-old business owner from Chicago. I have known and been friends with Jeremy Hammond for approximately ten years. I am writing to ask you to treat him with leniency when considering his sentencing for his violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.

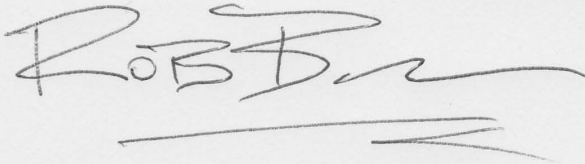
I am acquainted with Jeremy through our mutual involvement in various grassroots social justice causes. I could tell the first time I met him that he was a smart, articulate young man with passionate beliefs about making the world a better place. My experience with him from various meetings and discussion groups is that he cares deeply about countering injustices and addressing abuses of power and the systemic inequalities in our social framework. At these events he was always well spoken and respectful to others. Though I am older and do not regularly socialize with the younger activist community, Jeremy would always take the time to stop and talk whenever we ran into each other, usually while riding our bikes to respective places around the city. He often had questions for me, showing both that he recognized my past experience and had a desire to learn.

Though Jeremy is clearly knowledgeable enough with computers and programming to land a well-paying job, he preferred to devote his time and energy to activist work on various fronts, Even when unemployed or low on money, however, Jeremy was willing to share what he had with his friends or even strangers. He has never been a person motivated by greed or wealth; his primary concern has always been a desire to see a society that was based on mutual aid and cooperation, without exploitation.

The primary thing I ask you to keep in mind when sentencing Jeremy is that, though he may have violated the law, he did so because he felt it was the right thing to do. Jeremy is not a malicious person, nor is he motivated by money – by his own ethical standards, Jeremy was acting for the greater good. You may consider him misguided, but please do not consider him malevolent.

In my opinion, the CFAA imposes an unfair and unjust set of sentencing guidelines that is absurdly disproportionate to the actual crimes or damages caused. Hackers are sensationalized and demonized and often face harsh and excessive sentences that bear little relation to the actual criminal intent. Jeremy has already been imprisoned for a year and a half, far from his family and friends. He is a bright man with a hopeful future, he should be shown leniency and compassion rather than arbitrarily punished. Please consider the minimum sentencing. The world needs more people like Jeremy, who are committed to working towards a positive future; he does not deserve to be locked away.

Thank you,

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Robert Boyle  
Posthuman Studios LLC



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

10-20-13

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Tom Callahan. I am writing on behalf of and in support of Jeremy Hammond. I am a Chicago resident where I teach photography to youth in the Uptown Community of Chicago at various after school programs. I recently graduated from DePaul University where I received my degree in International Studies in 2011. During this degree I learned about Vincentian Values that our University was founded upon. The values that St. Vincent DePaul set out for us included peace building, selflessness and dedication for a more just world. I have known Jeremy through my involvement in various community social justice projects for the since 2009 and I am confident that Jeremy is following in St. Vincent DePaul's footsteps What he could not accomplish on his own he would encouraged those around him to do so. In these circles I met Jeremy Hammond and worked with him on various projects. One of which was a community newspaper that talked about issues of social justice and general issues the community we were in was facing. Everyone around Jeremy was touched and impacted by his selflessness, kind heartedness and compassion. I witnessed Jeremy's strong character through his contributions to the project, his dedication to working with others for justice and peace, and his love he has for others and a more just world.

I am aware that Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act and I believe he should be treated with compassion.

I hope that the facts that Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland and the UK, who are already convicted, are not going to spend more than 16 months in prison, the fact that the CFAA gives corporations more protection than for individuals, and that Jeremy has not made any financial gain from his actions, are taken into account when sentencing Jeremy.

Tom Callahan

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[REDACTED]

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 22, 2013

Dear Honorable Judge Preska:

My name is Ileri Unzueta Carrasco and I have been living and working with youth and children in Chicago through after school programs since I was 19 in 2006. That is the same time I met Jeremy Hammond and his brother. Though I only met Jeremy briefly that first time I could see through the way his brother talked about him and missed him that Jeremy was someone important and loved in his life. I have since gotten to know Jeremy on my own, and would like to tell you a little bit about the Jeremy Hammond I know.

Jeremy Hammond is a person who is passionate about supporting people in educating themselves. That is why he shares his knowledge with the people around him. Jeremy is a person who also tries to make sure people can have a space to be listened. I remember he was very dedicated to a website he and a friend were keeping to help people in jail be able to express themselves. Jeremy is a beloved brother, son and friend who has caused not physical harm, nor has he gained anything from his actions.

I know Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, and I am writing to you today to also ask you to consider his character in his sentencing. Jeremy Hammond is someone who has compassion for other people, particularly those who have little resources themselves. He is someone who does not do things for personal gain. He does them because he believes in sharing knowledge, and in people having access to that knowledge. Please take this into consideration while pronouncing a sentence.

Ileri Unzueta Carrasco  
[REDACTED]

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

10/07/2013

Dear Judge Preska,

My name is Ashley Carter and I am a teacher and activist in the Chicago community. I moved here from a small town in Indiana, and was overjoyed by the people I discovered. The activist community in Chicago is full of people who contribute more to their community in a month than most people do in a lifetime. I have seen groups stand in solidarity to protect schools from closing, families from losing their homes to foreclosure, and the homeless from being abused. Far from being violent, or even exclusive, this group accepts anyone with an open mind and a good heart. We are teachers and nurses, old and young, tattooed and pierced and a variety of shapes and colors; and although some members of society may look down upon us for our appearances or beliefs, we stand up for their freedoms anyway.

Jeremy Hammond is one of these people. I've known him for several years and in that time I have seen him come to the aid of others time and time again. He made it clear I could ask him for help whenever I needed it, and brought me ice cream when I was 8 months pregnant even though it was freezing outside.

I am aware he has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. I am asking you now to consider a few things:

First, to not let any prejudices you have interfere with your decision. It is common to distrust, or even fear, those who lead different lifestyles; who look different; who have a different vision of the world than your own. You must look past that to see who he really is.

Second, to place this decision firmly in context, using legal precedent. This was a non violent crime. Jeremy's co-defendants who have already been convicted will spend no more than 16 months in prison.

Third, to look at his motives, which were in no way financial. He put his own freedom at great risk, yet would gain NOTHING from his actions. Again, I can personally attest that this is a large part of his character.

Finally, to consider the fact that prison will undoubtedly have a negative effect on Jeremy's life, as well as the lives of his family and friends. Incarceration will always lead to long-term psychological damages. I can completely guarantee that, no matter your crime, Jeremy would absolutely not, under any circumstances, sentence you to prison. He would look at you and see not just your crime, but the person underneath.

I am asking you to do the same.

Sincerely,



Ashley Carter  


Dear Judge Loretta Preska,

My name is Louis Cisneroz. I am from Chicago and am a close friend of Jeremy Hammond. Like Jeremy I am a community activist who has spent time providing food for the homeless, providing reading resources for imprisoned people, and have raised money for several charities over the past ten years. I met Jeremy about 6-7 years ago at a benefit show for a battered womens shelter. Over the years we became very close, I believe this is because we both admired each others compassion for others . Jeremy has always been very much against sexism, racism, homophobia, the mistreatment of the homeless and many other things. He was always very interested in lending help to those who were in need. Not only was he interested, but he actively contributed to the well being of many people around him. Jeremy was the type of person who let homeless people stay at his house. He would feed them, hang out with them, and befriend them without casting judgement. Jeremy had little concern about expensive material things and was more than willing to lend or even give someone any number of possessions such as the clothes off his back. I feel that in this world there are many people who commend this type of behavior but very few people who live up to it and embody these humanitarian ideals. I have know a handful of people with similar traits but none as dedicated and true to these ideas as Jeremy. I have witness with my own eyes, Jeremy give hundred dollar donations towards projects that benefit the community, while asking for nothing in return and needing no personal recognition.

I am aware that Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. I believe that in Jeremy's sentencing, he should be treated with the same compassion he has continuously showed towards other people in the past 7 years that I have known him. I find it hard to believe that a person as selfless as Jeremy is deserved of the same amount of time in jail as a murderer, a rapist, a child molester, a robber etc. He received no financial gain from these crimes. He had no ill intent within this crime. His crime was motivated by the same motivation that has caused him to act so kind and giving towards others; he wanted to stand against injustice and oppression. and although the law does not condone these said actions, how can we treat him just the same as a heartless violent criminal. He has served 15 months already and will still suffer a lot of set backs in life simply for having this conviction on his record. I feel that giving the maximum sentence, or harsh sentence, to a person of this character only illustrates to people that being a strong person who fights for equality and freedom, the things this country was found on, is looked down upon and treated with hostility. I believe what he has already gone through is enough to show that these illegal actions are punishable, but a fair and lenient sentencing will then show that we recognize the difference between evil people like Jodi Arias and good people who make mistakes, like Jeremy. We need more people like Jeremy in the world. We need Jeremy himself back in our neighborhood and back with his friends, families, and those who benefit from his selfless personality.

Thank you for your time,

Louis Cisneroz



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Dear Judge Preska,

Before I was even in high school more than 12 years ago, Jeremy Hammond took the time to help create the foundations of my programming knowledge. Jeremy helped teach me how to program comprehensive websites and make them secure from potential hacking exploits out of his own goodwill and interest in internet security. From his kind gesture I was able to create my own web design business while I was still in high school and gain over 15 clients.

In the age of information Jeremy Hammond is an informer supporting the freedom of information. It is very disheartening for me to see a person with so much knowledge and skill to be treated as a enemy combatant, being indefinitely detained for exposing the constitutionally illegal activities private surveillance corporations undertake with little to no oversight. For a company such as Stratfor to undertake these actions and not take simple security measures to protect their own data shows a severe lack of aptitude on their part.

Jeremy Hammond is a peace activist and he used his skills to shed light into the darkness that has veiled our country for over 12 years. He had no position for financial gain in exposing these truths even though Stratfor was blatantly staging to use this information for profit. A ten year term is clearly a harsh sentence considering that Jeremy's codefendants in Ireland will not be prosecuted and those in the United Kingdom will spend no more than 16 months in prison for this act of civil disobedience. I ask for your leniency in his sentencing and I hope for the return of Jeremy to our society as soon as possible. There is nothing wrong with spreading truth in an empire of lies.

“You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8:32

Sincerely,

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Eric Conrad



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

DATE: 10/2/2013

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Mary Susan Crabtree. I am a mother of 5 children and a nurse of 32 years. I have worked as a nurse in community based projects for many years and 2 of my children are adopted as Foster children while we worked with the state system as Foster parents. I am aware that Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. I would like to share with you why I believe that Jeremy should be granted leniency for the crimes he has pled guilty to.

Your Honor, I know you may view Jeremy as a criminal with no remorse for his actions but I have known this incredible young man since 2005. He and my son were friends and Jeremy easily became part of our family. I know that you have not had an opportunity to get to know Jeremy and I hoped that perhaps my story about Jeremy would help you to understand why he is loved by so many and how many lives he has changed as a result of his true love of people and his community.

Jeremy has done so many positive things for his community but what stands out in my mind particularly as it relates to my life now is his love for people. A day that will be forever engrained in my mind is the day that Jeremy sat at our home and spent some time speaking with us. I was amazed at his intelligent, respectful and kind manner. I listened intently to this young man speak and I knew that he was not just sharing words. Jeremy was sharing what was truly in his heart. He spoke of ending homelessness, feeding the poor, taking responsibility and actually taking part in change within your community. After several hours of speaking with Jeremy, I had to sit and honestly think about what I have done for my community. The answer was not as wonderful as I thought it would have been. In all honesty, I had done very little for my community with the exception of my years of nursing.

Because of Jeremy, my husband and I became Foster parents. We have been unbelievably lucky to adopt our son and daughter who were victims of

abuse prior to coming to us. There were so many days that I thought I would give up on them and I thought to myself "Jeremy would never give up" and we stuck with the children. They are happy, healthy and wonderful as a result and we are the luckiest people on earth. Their names are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and they call Jeremy "Brother".

This is just one small change that has been made in my life because of Jeremy. I've learned never to judge people and to offer a helping hand whenever possible. We assist with our local food bank just as Jeremy assisted with his local food bank. Our 17 year old daughter spends her weekends working at the Smoky Mountain Children's home reading books to children without families. My son, [REDACTED], who used to live with Jeremy, reaches out to help people in his community by way of feeding the homeless and assisting with clothing drives. These are all things that we learned from that incredible young man sitting in jail today.

Judge Preska, if you could only know Jeremy as we know him, you would know that this gentle, non-violent person believes so strongly in changing the world and he has never had any personal financial gain by his actions. Any actions in which he undertook were politically-motivated acts of civil disobedience.

Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland and in the United Kingdom were given treatment that is disparate and those who are already convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison. Some have already been released.

The truth is that the protection the CFAA affords to corporations is greater than those it affords to individuals, who may be subjected to surveillance by private corporations such as Stratfor. This law was put in place at a time when most people could not even imagine owning home computers etc. I hope that one day, the CFAA will catch up with our current technology but until then, I pray that you will understand my plea to you to show leniency for a person who means the world to our family and who has changed not only my family but the lives of every person who has had the chance to know him.

Your Honor, believe me, I understand a need for someone to be punished when they break the law but I ask that you make his sentence in keeping with his crime and please consider the sentences imposed on his co-defendants . Also I ask that you consider the ones who have been so positively impacted by Jeremy and all that he stands for that is good and

kind. It is Jeremy's passion for change that causes us to want to fight so strongly to have our family member back home in our lives.

Respectfully written,

*Mary Susan Crabtree*

Mary Susan Crabtree

Please meet [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Crabtree. It is our honor and our pleasure to be Mommy and Daddy and it is also a gift for them to have a brother named Jeremy Hammond.









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October 9,2013  
Chief Judge Loretta Preska  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York,NY 10007

To The Honorable Judge Loretta Preska,

My Name is Devon Dorenzo. I am The Treasurer of A Non-profit Organization called National Youth Pride Services (NYPS) Grass Rooted here in Chicago. Our Organization Services Youth Of Color.

Respectfully,While I am Fully aware of Jeremy Hammond, pleading guilty to a violation of the computer fraud and abuse act,I firmly believe that that 17 months is more than enough for a Non-violent crime.

Jeremy's Character and Compassion for others is that of a teacher who is aware of the Education system,And wants the student to think farther than just a degree. For example if one would want to know more about language arts, they would want to know about poetry,poets,and writing and from there. it would be up to the person to decide to write. He has taught so many of our young people to read and write and excel through school many of whom,have gone on to graduate Elementary, High School, & College to do amazing things.

I found myself impressed with Hammond's Humility, and Positive work during our street outreach when Listening to him Engage in a conversation with a shy young man (whom i i can not recall his name at this moment) who was an at risk youth experiencing homelessness. Jeremy went on to encourage that young person about maintaining their education,and remaining positive through hard times.

His quote was something like this " listen,things may be bad right now, they may even get worse. but it's imperative that you think positive. sometimes it gets worse before it can be better. But this is just your motivation to want to do better. I want you to know that i've been there, yes it's Difficult. But it's imperative to be positive..." After listening to him talk to him, I knew immediately that Jeremy was a special man. There's no other way to describe how His words lifted people. That young person did in fact succeed. He went on to do humanitarian work overseas.

As a worker in the non profit sector. We see a lot of Our volunteers come and go. But Jeremy Hammond is one we consider absolute family. During the holidays we host food,clothing drives. Jeremy has always been there,Handing out bags of food,helping set up for fundraisers,and setting up wheel chair ramps to locations that weren't accommodating towards persons special needs.

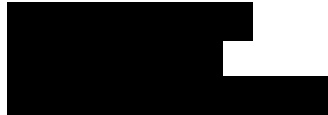
We have so many more positive experiences with him working with our young people motivating them to continue their education,maintaining a positive outlook on life and last but not least. We all just we all Miss him so very much!

There's nothing that Jeremy wouldn't do for any of us or his students  
Needless to say. your honor,I want you to know that we as a collective, consider Mr. Hammond  
A very a special member of each and every family that Jeremy has reached out to.

I see that Jeremy's is being held accountable for his actions as a responsible person should. I also  
ask Humbly ask that you Please take into consideration that his actions and his motivations were  
not meant for financial gain nor to hurt anyone.

Please Allow Our Dear Friend,Brother and Mentor Jeremy Hammond Back With us.

Sincerely,  
Devon Dorenzo  
Treasurer of National Youth Pride Services Chicago



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

November 8<sup>th</sup> of 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Javier Fernandez. I'm a musician and an activist, but I make my living driving a taxi in the city of Chicago. I'm writing this letter asking for leniency for my friend Jeremy Hammond. I've known Jeremy since 2006 through a different types of cultural activities that we both were interested and support. Im aware that he plead guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, but I'm a hundred percent sure that whatever he did, he wasn't looking for a personal gain. Im convinced that his actions were a reflection of his commitment to social justice and the well being of the human kind. The only thing I could do as a friend is to ask you Honorable Judge Loretta to be compassionate to Jeremy.

I hope that his talent as an artist and his computer geniuses don't get wasted in prison.

Please keep in mind that Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland will not be prosecuted and in the united kingdom, those already convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison, I believe the US justice system is being too severe on Jeremy, in a time were our privacy rights are being more and more violated.

Thank you,

Javier Fernandez

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
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Sarah Finkel  
[REDACTED]

October 8, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

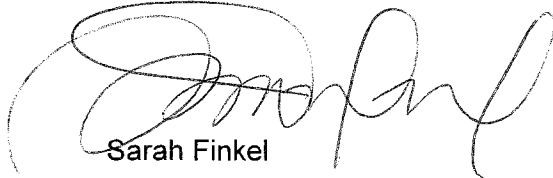
I am writing to ask for leniency in the sentencing of Jeremy Hammond. I have had the pleasurable experience of knowing Jeremy for the past few years while living in Pilsen.

I am aware that Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act but believe, with all my heart, that Jeremy should be treated compassionately. Here are my reasons:

- All of my experiences with Jeremy have been extremely respectful, kind and thoughtful for other people's needs and rights. He had volunteered his time to assist the Pilsen community with environmental justice concerns in order to help the neighborhood be a safer, cleaner place to live.
- It is my understanding that the CFAA is more concerned about protecting corporations over individuals by allowing corporations, such as Stratfor, to conduct surveillance over people.
- Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland will not be prosecuted and those in the United Kingdom will not spend more than 16 months in prison.
- Finally, Jeremy's actions were not done for his own benefit and he had nothing to personally gain from his actions.

I hope that you will consider this ask.

Sincerely,

  
Sarah Finkel





Alliance of Community Trainers, P.O. Box 1286, Austin, TX 78767

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October 16, 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Preska,

I have been organizing for nonviolent social change since the mid-70s. Almost 40 years of full-time service to causes for peace and justice. I have had the opportunity to work with tens of thousands of people all around the world and to train thousands of people in nonviolent civil disobedience. This is my life and I am very proud of it.

It was about a year or so ago that I learned that Jeremy Hammond was in jail for allegedly hacking into Strafford. I was both surprised and very concerned which is why I am writing to you now on his behalf. I do not know Jeremy well, but what I do know fills me with respect. I hope that you will see this too. I first met Jeremy in October of 2009 when he and a group of his friends, joined efforts I was involved in to urge reforms in the Banking industry at the American Bankers Association Meeting in Chicago. They had built a banker puppet and put together a little street theater. I was struck at the time by what a creative group Jeremy and his friends were.



This is Jeremy!

Jeremy was a founder of a community center in the Pilsen area of Chicago that had a library, meeting area and a kitchen. He made the kitchen available to cook food for an event we were having related to the Banking Conference.



That community center was a few blocks from the Pilsen Coal Plant. For years the Little Village Environmental Justice Organization (LVEJO) had been educating and organizing to close these plants. Jeremy was very interested in nonviolent social change and he invited me to come there and do an organizing and nonviolence training at the center for the community to learn more about it in their struggle against the coal plant. In 2009 the community came together to support the first of several nonviolent civil disobedience protests outside the coal plant that ultimately lead to

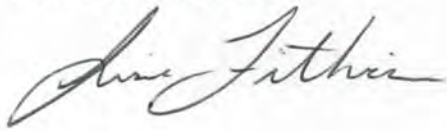
the decision to close of both coal plants in Chicago, which was a major victory for the community. Jeremy helped make this happen.

Your Honor, Jeremy is a smart, socially conscious, well meaning young man. He was kind, generous and easy to work with. In my experience his intentions are good. I believe that Jeremy has a great deal to contribute to building a healthier society and community and I hope that you will allow him to be at home when he does this work and not in prison.

Those of us with a passion to change the world have to make choices about how that change is made. We are always looking for what will make a difference. There are many great examples of the transformative power of nonviolent civil disobedience to change the world. It is in this tradition the Jeremy walks. In nonviolent action, we are prepared to assume the consequences. I understand that Jeremy has pleaded guilty to these charges. As this is the case, it is yet another example to me of his integrity. Jeremy did not benefit from anything he may have done and his actions were toward the cause of transparency which is essential for democracy.

Your Honor, we all need more compassion and Jeremy is no exception. He is a young man who I believe will make the best of his situation and find ways to contribute even if he is in jail. I hope however that you are able to limit his time in prison, if you are unable to grant him time served.

Sincerely and with respect,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa Fithian".

Lisa Fithian  
Alliance of Community Trainers  
United for Peace and Justice  
Organizingforpower.org

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

10/15/13

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Adam Gaya, I currently live in Seattle Washington where I am active in the environmental community and work with a number of non-profit organizations including ForestEthics and the Washington Conservation Voters. From 2008 to 2011 I lived in Chicago, Illinois and was a friend of Jeremy Hammond's. I have been following this case both as a friend of Jeremy's and as an activist who was shocked and dismayed by the information his act of civil disobedience brought to light.

I am aware that Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. However I would like to take this opportunity to urge that he be treated with compassion at sentencing.

I knew Jeremy for three years in Chicago, as a fellow activist and as a friend. What struck me about him most was always his profound compassion for other people and his passionate opposition to injustice and bigotry. I remember Jeremy's frustration with the underlying racism of Chicago, a city still quite segregated in our day and age. I also remember his strong empathy with the Native People's who opposed the Vancouver Olympics co-opting their traditional symbols and lands. Jeremy was so often motivated by empathy, you could see that he had a unique ability to share the pain of those who suffered injustice.

My recollections of Jeremy are all of a kind, empathetic, passionate young man, trying to help right the wrongs of this world.

Jeremy has served over a year in prison and has often not had contact with his family or loved ones. He has served this time for an act of civil disobedience which brought to light questionable activity by corporations and our government. Information which the public is better served knowing. As an activist and professional in the environmental movement I found it shocking to see the extent to which private companies like Stratfor were investigating and using surveillance on many of the organizations I worked for. Jeremy's actions were not made for financial gain but were politically motivated acts of civil disobedience to expose this questionable activity.

And Jeremy has already paid a significant toll for his civil disobedience, having been incarcerated under extreme conditions for the past 20 months. Jeremy's time already spent exceeds the potential sentences of his co-defendants in the United Kingdom and contrast sharply with those in Ireland who will not be prosecuted.

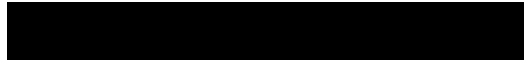
Civil Disobedience has a long history and tradition in America from the suffragettes, to the civil rights movement, right up to the modern environmental movement. Jeremy's actions fall within this American tradition and he has already paid a steep price for taking his moral stand. Please treat this kind man, our friend, with leniency at sentencing.

Sincerely,





**Christine A. Geovanis**



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 15, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I'm a writer and political activist in Chicago, and the co-coordinator of HammerHard MediaWorks, a grassroots media project that supports non-profit groups and community projects seeking to address inequality and inequity around a wide range of issues, from immigrant rights to access to affordable housing. I'm well known regionally as an advocacy journalist, documentary photographer, advocate and adviser to many grassroots struggles for economic and social justice.

I've also had the opportunity to take in the work of Jeremy Hammond as a fellow activist for many years. While I do not know Jeremy well, I literally cannot count the number of protests, public actions, community forums and civic gatherings I've met him at over the course of the last decade. At each of these events, I've watched him participate as a passionate and peaceful member of larger groups organizing to stand up for the rights and needs of the most vulnerable in our society. Often he was distributing free food to participants and participating in musical ensembles as part of peaceful street theater. He was always respectful, thoughtful and kind – the kind of person with whom one is proud to march and proud to know as a fellow activist.

I understand that Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, and I write to urge you to treat him with compassion in the sentencing phase of this trial.

Jeremy sought no financial gain from his actions, which he undertook as politically motivated acts of civil disobedience. As you know, Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland will not be prosecuted, and in the United Kingdom those who are already convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison. I ask that you consider showing the same kind of leniency in Jeremy's sentencing that UK law provides for those already sentenced in relation to this case.

I have every confidence – in fact, I would stake my reputation as an activist and as an advocate – that Jeremy can and will return to civilian life as a valued and responsible member of society. Please consider using the discretion and wisdom you possess as a respected member of the bench to afford Jeremy the opportunity to return to our community in as short a timeframe as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine Geovanis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christine Geovanis



October 12, 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Preska,

My name is Sidoni Gonzalez, I am currently the executive director of a music school in Chicago, Illinois, and I am writing this letter in support of Jeremy Hammond. I have known Jeremy for about 3 years. Jeremy quickly became someone I admire and respect very much. His ability to connect with people and his peaceful and fun-loving energy astonished me.

Jeremy and I met doing work for Food Not Bombs in the Pilsen community in Chicago. Food Not Bombs was a food distribution program that served healthy, home cooked meals to people in the community whose access to such resources is often scarce. More recently this program has evolved into a distribution of fresh groceries. Jeremy had been part of Food Not Bombs long before I became involved with the program. He was always friendly and helpful in teaching me how Food Not Bombs worked and eager to pass on any other useful knowledge.

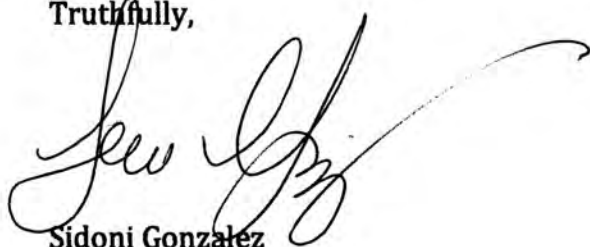
I was raised in the Pilsen neighborhood where I met Jeremy. Pilsen is a predominantly Latino neighborhood rich in culture, love and energy. It is located on the south side of Chicago; Pilsen is well known for its murals, art galleries, café's and generous people. Unfortunately, Pilsen also suffers from gang violence that is mostly orchestrated by the youth in the community.

Jeremy's enthusiasm for social work inspired me to get more involved with the youth in my community. While working together we had plenty of conversations about our duties and responsibilities to those around us; and the impact we could have on the lives of those we interact with. Since then I have been able to volunteer my time at Mujeres Latinas en Accion, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping and supporting domestic abuse survivors and their families. The specific project I am involved with is Proyecto Juventud (Project Youth) a sex education, after-school program for women 12-17 years of age. We provide them with a safe space to do homework, twice a week we engage them in outdoor activities that promote physical health and create workshops that teach them leadership skills. Jeremy has been a big influence for me to get involved with such programs.

I understand that Jeremy plead guilty to violating the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. I honestly believe that his actions are in line to his deep-rooted beliefs of social justice and love for the world community he is a part of. His actions were non-violent and he did not do it for any personal gain. He never used any of the credit card numbers to purchase anything, let alone anything for himself and he definitely did not do it for the fame. At the time if his arrest people around Jeremy were dumbfounded and only found out the reason

for his arrest through media outlets the following day. I ask you to be lenient with his sentence. Not only because a vital member of our community would be returned to us but also because I truly believe Jeremy has many productive things to do in the community he belongs to.

Truthfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sidoni Gonzalez', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Sidoni Gonzalez





Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY. 10007

10/08/2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I have been made aware that on November 15<sup>th</sup> you will be deciding the fate of my good friend, Jeremy Hammond. I am writing this letter to plead with you for leniency in his case. I am aware that he has plead guilty, but I also know that, and dealing with him only within the context of the courtroom, the Jeremy that you have come to know is not the person that I know. It is not the person that cares deeply about his community, or has a dozens (if not hundreds) of people who care about him deeply, and will be hanging in desperation as you hand down your sentence. I am, and feel honored to be, one of those people.

I used to work with him at a food distro every Sunday on the South Side of Chicago. He was always excited to be there helping people. I know it is such a cliché to say that somebody is a "pillar of the community", and wouldn't use a term like that lightly. However, I do feel like it is true in his case. He is very passionate about taking care of people. A couple of years ago, I experienced this trait to its full effect. I had fallen on hard times and was on the verge of homelessness. Without me even asking, he offered to put me up for a couple of months. Long story short, it was enough time for me to turn things around and get back on my feet. To this day I am truly touched by this act of compassion, an act that most people in this world are not even capable of. This is the nature of Jeremy Hammond.

I do not wish to take up too much of your time, Your Honor. Of course, I am aware that he allegedly leaked a lot of people's information. However, I am asking that as you hand down his sentence that you remember that however long Mr. Hammond is away is the same amount of time that a truly great man (a great citizen, even) will be missing from our community. Please do the write thing, and God bless,

BEN GOODMAN

-Ben Goodman





## **HackThisSite.org**

*A free, safe and legal training ground for hackers and hacktivists.*

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 1, 2013

Your Honor,

First, please allow us the opportunity to express our gratitude in both you spending your understandably precious time in reading our letter, as well as for serving your community in one of the most esteemed positions within the foundations of our country's trifecta of checks and balances. As you may be aware, we write you today in regards to Jeremy Hammond, in a case which you humbly preside over and hold the burden of delivering sentence. Before we begin, we would first like to formally introduce ourselves in hopes that you understand the importance of our involvement and the plea we are about to make.

We represent the staff and collective community of HackThisSite.org. In 2003, Jeremy Hammond founded a *legal* organization entitled *Hulla-Bulloo*, created to engage its users in understanding hacking, hacktivism, and all technologies and politics in between. Months later, *Hulla-Bulloo* became HackThisSite.org (hereinafter, *HTS*). To this day, HTS has remained a bastion of ethical hacking and hacktivism, a series of principles originating from Mr. Hammond, serving its community of over 1.8 million worldwide users.

We would also like to break momentarily to highlight an extremely important fact that in these and most contexts, hacking refers to the act of learning information technology security practices, and hacktivism refers to the act of being politically savvy and active with regard to technology (e.g. engaging Congressmen regarding SOPA). These are highly important distinctions because, all too often, both words hold an often unfair definition of notoriety, and we fear the wrong message is sent when an intelligent

and computer-savvy individual is bestowed the label of 'hacker' or 'hacktivist'. These are titles of pride and honor, and should be understood as such. But we digress...

Mr. Hammond, in his years of running HTS, built the idea that users can become hackers and hacktivists to not only make a change in information technology security, but indeed in the world itself as well. He held firm in his ideology that the work he did and the community he led was done in such a way to better everyone. And we believe, unwaveringly, in his core philosophy, to do whatever is necessary to make for a better and more secure world.

As we are sure you are aware, and perhaps even impacted by, the United States government at the time of this writing is in a shutdown. Furthermore, leaks by former-CIA contractor Edward Snowden have displayed massive and highly questionable domestic spying unleashed upon the citizens of the United States. These are acts that highly pain people such as ourselves, and Mr. Hammond.

In our world of hacking and political activism, we act among the spirits of those before us who fought (and sometimes died) for their beliefs in civil rights. In the mid-twentieth century, young African American men and women fought with every ounce of their lives for the right to be treated fairly, as our Constitution affords us. Many were unjustly imprisoned merely for their actions of civil disobedience, when their only crime was begging, pleading for the ability to be granted the same civil rights as those of a lighter skin tone.

Today, we hacktivists fight for similar causes. We believe in the right to perform our business, both personal and professional, with our privacy and other civil rights respected and not encroached upon. We believe in the opportunity to progress in life as our previous generations were able to. We believe in the honor and integrity of our country, including the transparency to view the actions our government performs on our behalf. We believe in the ability to operate our country as the constituents which place our representatives in place to perform our collective desires, and do so without fear of reprisal or reprimand. But above all, we believe in our ability to make change happen when nothing else works.

What Mr. Hammond did, he did as an act of solidarity with the support of those of us too afraid to act, for fear of being punished as Mr. Hammond is today. What Mr. Hammond did is akin to the acts of Edward Snowden, Chelsea Manning (formerly Bradley Manning), Barrett Brown, Julian Assange, and many others, whose only true crime was not being able to be the change they sacrificed themselves to be. Mr. Hammond, along with the aforementioned others, did what they believed was the most righteous path to invoke the change necessary for us to survive and progress.

It is no secret that the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA) has been interpreted far, far beyond its original intent by many courts in ways unimaginable when it was passed in 1984. In the almost *thirty* years since this law was passed, computing technology has progressed beyond anything conceivable. In fact, in 1984, the Internet, personal computing, email, and practically everything else technology-wise were unknown to the general world, exclusively available only to select government agencies and educational institutions. It is therefore impossible to appropriately apply its original writings as implied in 1984 to today's standards and technology, as far too much has changed in the three decades since. The Electronic Frontier Foundation, an active participant in Mr. Hammond's case, has written much on this problem:

<https://www.eff.org/issues/cfaa>

Judge Preska, you have the authority to hand down a sentence, up to ten years, that we at HTS and thousands of others feel is outside the original intentions of the CFAA. You are a kind and just woman who honorably obtained your esteemed position of Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and we absolutely understand the necessity of your role as a United States judge to properly interpret the law and apply it as delicately as necessary, ensuring a punishment is properly and fairly befitting. You hold the responsibility of interpreting and enforcing law, and the ultimate and most heavy burden of delivering a sentence.

Therefore, we must implore you to consider the fairness of applying a thirty-year-old law and its years of wildly disproportionate interpretations when sentencing a young man, Mr. Hammond, for acts he believed were truly necessary to ensure the continued safety and security of our great nation and its people. We appeal to your kindness, to your civility, and, most importantly, to your own desire for personal freedom and civil rights, to understand Mr. Hammond's actions, and deliver a sentence that is truly fair.

Your Honor, we beg of your compassion: In honor of civil rights and a most fair delivery of punishment, please do not deliver a ten year sentence. Mr. Hammond's co-defendants in Ireland and the United Kingdom who were already convicted faced no more than 16 months, some of which have already been released. Mr. Hammond has already spent over one and one half years incarcerated for his act, and we feel he should not face much more time imprisoned than truly necessary, which a thirty-year-old far outside its times and technology law cannot account for.

If the inconceivable burden were upon us to pass sentence, we would impose upon Mr. Hammond not more than 6 additional months in prison, and a minimum five years of probation, heavily restricted from computer use and mandated to undergo therapy for the abusive use of computing technology. Judge Preska, you hold the exclusive ability to set a reasonable precedent for future computing crimes, and show that the CFAA can be used fairly and justly in the modern times since its inception. We

trust you will do what is right, and show the nation and the world the United States justice system has adapted appropriately with technology and the crimes that come with it.

Very respectfully and sincerely yours,

*~ HackThisSite.org Staff ~*



To:  
Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 14, 2013

Dear Judge Preska,

My name is Gregg Housh and I am an activist and someone who fights against over-prosecution, censorship, corruption, and much more. I first learned of Jeremy Hammond in 2004 at a conference in Las Vegas (DefCon.) He was giving a speech on Electronic Civil Disobedience. This is something I care a lot about. The topic of protesting in some way online is very unclear at this point, we really don't know how to do it properly yet. In the past you could use the standard methods of a sit-in, marching, rallies, and so on. These do not transfer simply onto the internet in any way that the law recognizes currently. I took a lot from Jeremy's talk and a lot from subsequent events he was involved in. The most important thing I got out of knowing Jeremy was the idea that we must find a way to express ourselves online in the same ways we have available to in the real world. This is key to the continuation of our country as a true democracy. I believe Jeremy spent a lot of his time thinking of this and related problems, and for this reason I believe some compassion and even empathy should be shown. This is not a simple question and it will be years before it really takes shape, but in my opinion people like Jeremy are on the forefront of that discussion, and it's a very important discussion.

The few interactions I had directly with Jeremy were always amazing. He was not only a super intelligent person, but an amazingly kind and generous one as well. Of the people in this community he was always someone others could turn to in down times for support. There was never a moment that he didn't have time for someone who needed him.

The offence he has pled guilty to falls under a law (CFAA) that was written before the internet existed. The law itself does not have any understanding of the internet or how it works written into it and for that reason is leading to serious over-sentencing of some of the brightest young minds in our country. The language of this law is broad and written for a time when the World Wide Web wasn't even a vision in Tim Berners-Lee's mind yet. In other countries, like Ireland, co-defendants in this case will not even be prosecuted. In the United Kingdom the maximum his co-defendants will spend in prison is 16 months. For similar crimes in countries like Norway with much more recent legislation on internet based crimes, crimes of this nature rarely lead to more than a year in prison. I implore you to show Jeremy leniency.

In the end Jeremy's actions come down to politically-motivated civil disobedience and we must find a way to accomplish that in this country without sending our brightest minds to prison.

Sincerely,



Gregg Housh



Dear Judge Preska,

My name is Chris Howard. I am writing to you on behalf Of Midwest Books Through Bars, a non-profit group which sends out books and other reading material, free, upon request to anyone who requests it. The majority of the people who we send books to are currently incarcerated or receiving treatment at halfway houses. I became involved with this group several years ago when Jeremy introduced me to it. Im happy to say that, after almost 6 years,I still have the privilege to be working with a group that provides education and knowledge free of charge to people, who have otherwise been forgotten about in our society. Before Jeremy's arrest he was always the person who played the biggest part in Midwest Books Through Bars. Every week he would show up early and get everything set up and would often prepare food for everyone once they arrived. His selflessness could never be surpassed, I remember on several occasions where we had run out of funding for that week (as all funds we have to send out books are donated to us), and Jeremy would pay all the expenses out of pocket and never asked to be reimbursed. It's not as if he's sending out these books to his close friends, these are people he has never even met before but simply asked for some help from him. Jeremy always talked about how important education was and how nobody deserves to be denied a proper education in life. His selfless actions have inspired countless people in our community and have set a standard for how we should treat one another. I ask you, Judge, to please show leniency in his sentencing, Jeremy is someone who we need in our community and things just haven't been the same without him around.

Thank you for your time,

Chris Howard

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*Chris Howard*

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 2, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Rose Catherine Howell and I have known Jeremy Hammond for over eight years. I am a college student on the honor roll, the Dean's list, and I am a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor's Society. Over the last eight years, I have admired much of Jeremy's volunteer work and community service. I understand that he plead guilty to violating the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA).

When I lived with Jeremy in Chicago, he impressed me with how much time and energy he spent trying to make the world a better place. I have seen him help build and maintain a community computer lab, the Dai5ychain, which allowed free Internet access to community members of all ages. Every week, he would help a volunteer organization cook large meals and feed anyone in the neighborhood who would take a plate. Even at house meetings, he showed his sense of fairness when he insisted that everyone take turns moderating, and he made sure everyone was given a fair chance to speak and really be heard.

I went to live with Jeremy and his friends in Chicago after my husband passed away in October, 2006. They were incredibly supportive, and I really don't know what I would have done without that support. I cannot overstate my gratefulness for their help and comfort during that time. We have remained friends over the years, and Jeremy has continued to impress me with his passion, compassion, and conviction for what he believes is right.

I understand that Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland will not be prosecuted, and in the United Kingdom they were sentenced to less than 16 months in prison. I imagine you see a lot of different types of criminals before you, but I really believe that Jeremy is unlike any of them. The law that he was found in violation of was written in 1984, before the Internet existed as we know it. Even now, there is a bipartisan bill, known as Aaron's Law that has been introduced to Congress by Representatives Zoe Lofgren (D-Calif.) and Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.) to reform the CFAA. I sincerely hope that Jeremy does not get caught in the cross-fire while the legislators struggle to keep up with advancing technology.

Jeremy said he did what he did as an act of politically-motivated civil disobedience. He is not a criminal in any normal sense of the word. He received no personal gain from his actions, and even now while he sits in prison, he asked for his donation money to go to other people who needed it more.

I would like to ask you for leniency in sentencing. Jeremy is a valuable member of the community. Taking into consideration the sentences received by his co-defendants, I believe Jeremy has served enough time in prison, and upon release, would return to his community service and volunteer work.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Rose C. Howell



**ABDEEN M. JABARA**  
**ATTORNEY AT LAW**



October 9, 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Preska,

I am a 73 year old attorney, now semi-retired, who has practiced law in Michigan (20 years) Washington, D.C. (current member of the D.C. Bar) and New York (since 1998 until this year). I have represented a broad range of clients in both civil and criminal matters. I have always held to the belief that the law, the way in which it is interpreted, and the way in which it is applied, must be responsive and protective of core freedoms enshrined in our great Constitution. In particular, the First Amendment of our Constitution and political speech that seeks to enhance a robust and challenging debate in society at large.

I first became aware of the case of Jeremy Hammond before his extradition from Illinois to New York State through a phone call with a long time friend and colleague in Chicago, attorney James Fennerty. Jim described a bit of the background of the case, as he was seeking counsel for Jeremy in New York.

I have tried to follow the course of his case after its transfer to New York and attended the request for bail hearing held before your honor.

I know that Jeremy, being represented by counsel, has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act and that he is now scheduled for sentencing before your honor.

I write this letter in support of a sentence that will not exceed the time he has served, plus the amount of time that persons charged with and convicted on the same acts in England. In this later case the defendant received not more than 16 months. The integrity of the judicial system and maintaining public trust in it demands that disproportionate sentencing be eschewed in this case and all others.

I met Jeremy Hammond on one occasion during a visit with him at the Metropolitan Correction Center some six months ago. We spoke about his case, his background and his hopes. It was a most interesting conversation in which I found him both a bit nervous but also thoughtful and intelligent, well-meaning, sincere, with a high degree of caring for others. Most apparent was the total absence of any anger, vindictiveness or revengefulness.

Jeremy was never involved in the crimes with which he was charged and for which he pled guilty for any personal financial gain or fame.

I respectfully ask that Jeremy's background as I have attempted to delineate will weigh heavily in his favor as you decide in your wisdom an appropriate punishment - a punishment that will be consistent with an open, compassionate, transparent and democratic society.

Sincerely,



Abdeen Yabara



To: Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Dear Judge Preska,

My name is Ashley Jackson. I am currently an accounting student & would consider myself ~~a~~ a community organizer specifically around labor issues.

I am writing to you today in regards to Jeremy Hammond. I am aware that he has pleaded guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud & Abuse Act. I urge you, when deciding his sentencing consider it from a place of compassion.

I've known Jeremy for a handful of years & know him to be one of the most caring, empathetic, kindest people I knew. As an active community member, I've seen him put his needs 2<sup>nd</sup> to help out others. A concrete example of this was using his music to help raise money for various projects such as money for legal aid for friends, general support, etc. He also regularly volunteered his time to serve food to those who were going hungry such as

October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013

the homeless.

I also would like you to consider that he had no financial gains from his actions which he undertook as politically-motivated acts of civil disobedience. A community servant, such as yourself, I would hope would do their duty to protect the rights of those in this country to express their politics. I believe that even a guilty plea can be respected with considering time already served + leniency.

I urge you to again, sentence from a place of compassion + realize how many people care about the future + well-being of Jeremy Hammond.

Thank you for your time, Sincerely,

Ashley J. Jackson



Hon. Judge Loretta A. Preska  
 Chief Judge  
 Southern District Court of New York  
 500 Pearl St.  
 New York, NY 10007

10-12-13

Dear Judge Preska,

I know Jeremy for a few years now. What's more, I know of Jeremy Hammond for even longer. He is well known in Chicago (where I have been, and have several friends currently living) as a tireless, vocal opponent of racism, which is rampant in the neighborhoods where he has lived, and this country in general. Too few white people are willing to educate other whites about their oppressive language/behavior, and fewer still put themselves out in order to speak up against racists when they organize or otherwise intimidate the people of color. Jeremy always goes above and beyond to create a space where all feel free and safe.

I met Jeremy through Food Not Bombs Friends in both Chicago and NYC, where time and personal finances were "eaten up" by the members' need to consistently provide free food to those in need, week to week, in the cities' parks. I am surprised I never ran into him during my early days of activism in the anti-war movement, as we both organized against it around 2003. When I think of Jeremy, above all, I think of compassion. It is therefore compassion I ask of you, Judge Preska, in the form of leniency toward my very good friend, who is to be incarcerated for what amounts to non-violent civil disobedience in protest of what he (and many of us) believe to be something that kills people. He did not profit personally or economically from this act to which he has pled guilty; nor was anyone physically harmed.

I ask you to take into account the leniency showed those in Ireland/the U.K. who are guilty of the same offense, and also the disproportionate sentencing around Computer Fraud and Abuse Act defendants (CFAA) in general.

This country is celebrated for being founded by rich white men willing to kill to avoid paying taxes to the British government. The men who did this, who owned my African ancestors, are "heroes." Jeremy harmed none in pursuit of what is right -- please show him compassion and impose the most lenient sentence possible. This world is much better with him free in it, not in a cage.

Thank you,  
 Joseph P. Jordan *J. Jordan*



Honorable Lorreta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY. 10007

Dear Judge Loretta Preska,

Your Honor, I beg of you to take leniency in Jeremy Hammond's case. If you look at it from many peoples perspective, he has and amazing mind. If he is allowed to redirect that thinking to a cause that better humanity and advancement of civilization as a whole it would be an amazing asset. Not just to the USA but to the world thanks to the new era of the internet.

I have known Jeremy for the last 4 years and the guy makes me feel like an idiot, his mind processes things in a different yet more efficient way than mine. His problem solving skills and dealing with conflicting groups and issues is just amazing. I have never met a person that can make a round peg fit in a square hole quiet the way he can. And most of these were just in social tension situations or issues relating to things such as me not being able to drive to work for a few weeks.

I know you have probably only seen the prosecutor side and the grey line things he has been accused of, but in mine and many other opinions Jeremy is among the best and the brightest of his generation. Many would agree it would be a step back in our advancement in humanity as a whole to use him as an example by punishing him on the extreme side of the sliding bar.

As progress in a civilization such as the United States of America and as the world in whole, progress and advancing is key. Using a unique and above average person like Jeremy as an example would hurt not only him but others. Other progressive thinkers would be forced to second guess bringing up problems with issues that affect many as well as the solutions they feel would fix them.

Thank you for reading this,

Sincerely



Vincent Kershaw



Robert M. Leone, Jr.



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I am writing to you on behalf of Jeremy Hammond.

My name is Robert Leone. I have been teaching in the Chicago Public school system, and playing music at the First Lutheran Church of the Trinity, for the past eight years.

When I first met Jeremy Hammond, three years ago. I realized right away that he was a strong leader in his community, and I was immediately impressed with his commitment to social justice. One project he gave his time and money to was "Midwest Books to Prisoners", a grassroots organization that sends books and letters to prisoners.

I have been a devout Christian all my life. When I first met Jeremy, I distinctly remember having a theological debate with him. In short, I told him I was impressed that he was willing to spend time to help the lowliest members of society, and I told him that, even though you say you are not a Christian, your actions show me you are the best example of one.

I am aware that Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. I am asking for leniency in his case, because I know the decisions he made were ultimately born out of a love for humanity and desire for freedom and justice for everyone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RLJ", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert Leone, Jr.

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
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October 14, 2013

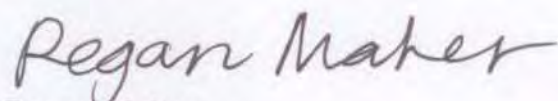
Dear Honorable Judge Preska:

My name is Regan Maher and I am a friend of Jeremy Hammond. During the time I lived in Chicago, Jeremy and I met because we were neighbors. As we grew closer, I worked alongside Jeremy on organizing number of activist community service projects that brought food, books, and other critical resources to people in need. I am aware that Jeremy has pleaded guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. I believe that Jeremy deserves your compassion because I have never seen Jeremy act out of any motivation besides the utmost kindness in his heart.

I have known Jeremy Hammond and his family for seven years. We worked as volunteers to cook food for the homeless. This connection led to our later collaboration for several years on a project to send free books to inmates. He attended these service groups consistently, week after week. He was the one person in our service group that I knew I could always depend on. He is not a person with an ego, or something to prove. He always supported the project quietly, plugging away diligently to help care for people in need. Many people attend this sort of project for the recognition of their peers, but Jeremy always seemed to be motivated purely to help. His behavior has always been that of kind and gentle person who cares deeply for those who have fallen victim to the injustices of the world. He has always been there for me, personally, when I have needed someone to talk to. Because of his compassion, he has always been someone I felt like I could count on.

I humbly ask for leniency in Jeremy's case. I do not necessarily agree that his means were appropriate, but I know without a doubt that he acted out of a sense of justice. Jeremy gained absolutely nothing from what he has done, though he took a great risk to get there. He is a person who cares for the world with a great compassion and I truly believe that he will recognize the wrong that he has done, and move on to live up to his potential. Thank you very much for taking the time to read my request.

Sincerely,



Regan Maher



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

November 8<sup>th</sup> of 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

This is a letter asking for leniency for my friend and colleague Jeremy Hammond. My name is Juan Marte. I am a musician and an activist from the city of Chicago. I've known Jeremy since 2006 when I decided to move to Chicago perusing a musical career. I am aware that Jeremy has in fact plead guilty to a violation of the computer fraud an abuse act. And I believe he should be treated with compassion.

Jeremy is a talented artist, a proficient musician, a computer genius, and a crucial figure for the Chicago activist community.

During the time I've known him, he has organized events in solidarity with the immigrant community, environmental awareness, prison solidarity and social justice in general.

Considering the fact that Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland will not be prosecuted and in the united kingdom, those already convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison, I believe the US justice system is being too severe on Jeremy. Please treat him with compassion.

Thank you.

Juan Marte



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 2013

Dear Judge Preska,

Hello, My name is Abraham Martinez; I'm a local artist, educator, musician and screen-printing mentor for the youth in the Pilsen community in Chicago.

I first met Jeremy about 5 years ago in a fundraising event; we played in different bands yet somehow found each other musically and were able to share a lot of musical and personal connections with one another. Through the years his kindness and knowledge has made me realize that he's a vital member of our community. Whenever I think of Jeremy I think of a brother whose compassion and abilities to share his knowledge and patience with anyone without recognition should be honored. He has helped me grow as a person and to this day I will forever be thankful to him. I believe that I don't just speak for myself when I write this but for the countless people whose path he has crossed and hopefully soon will be able to hug him and hold him.

I'm aware that Jeremy has plead guilty to a violation of computer fraud and abuse act and I believe that he has committed an act of dissent and not a criminal act.

Just as his co-defendants in Ireland and the United Kingdom, I believe that Jeremy should be treated with leniency and compassion. Jeremy's actions were never motivated by money and rather they where politically motivated acts of civil disobedience.

I hope that you consider this as a plea from a community member for the reduction of Jeremy's sentence.

Sincerely, Abraham Martinez.



October 7, 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Preska:

Jeremy volunteered with the group I helped start, Food Not Bombs, providing food to the hungry in the Chicago area. He is a very good hearted young man and does not have any desire to intentionally harm people. He may have been misguided in his effort to provide information about surveillance but only out of compassion for his fellow human being.

I have followed his case both through visits with his closest friends and the media and know that Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. I believe from the times I have visited with Jeremy and his work feeding the hungry that he is a real asset to our country and should be released as soon as possible to continue with his positive contributions. We really need more people like him working to make America a better nation.

Jeremy's co-defendants in Europe have been sentenced to the time he has already done while waiting trial and it would be so compassionate of your court to give him credit for time served.

Jeremy was not interested in profiting from his sharing of these files but just wanted to add his voice in support a free and democratic society. I know that he expressed concern about the level of surveillance in our society and its possible implications for our country and did not take this act of civil disobedience with malice. I know he did not wish to place anyone in physical danger.

Please know Jeremy is loved and considered a valuable member of society. Please consider sentencing him to time served and freeing him to do more good for our community.

Keith McHenry  
[Redacted]

Debra Michaud  
[REDACTED]

October 22, 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

RE: Jeremy Hammond sentencing

Dear Judge Preska,

I write on behalf of my friend and colleague Jeremy Hammond. I am a business owner in Chicago and a volunteer on environmental causes. I've have known Jeremy since 2009.

Jeremy and I worked very closely together in the Chicago Chapter of the Rainforest Action Network for a couple of years. I founded this all-volunteer group to raise awareness about environmental issues in the region and globally. We collaborated with other environmental organizations including the Sierra Club, Environmental Law and Policy Center, and a couple dozen other organizations on a campaign involving two of the oldest and dirtiest coal plants in the nation (a campaign that ultimately succeeded in shutting the plants down). These plants were shown by a Harvard University study to cause 40 deaths annually, in part because they were in the most densely populated areas of all power coal-fired power plants in the nation.

Jeremy and I spent countless hours together working on this and other environmental campaigns, and I got to know him quite well as a volunteer and as a friend. We attended trainings together, we organized fundraisers and events, and we worked together to help to build a vibrant environmental movement in Chicago. Jeremy was a central and important member of the group -- he not only built our website and designed promotional materials, but he contributed at every level to build a cohesive group and successful campaigns. Jeremy had a special talent to bridge different communities together. Our group attracted a wide range of volunteers from varied backgrounds -- our ages spanned 16-75, and we were a mix of professionals, students, academics, physicians, lawyers, artists, NGO directors, writers, and teachers. Jeremy was well-liked and respected by everyone. He was highly valued for his unwavering ethical clarity and commitment to living in alignment with his values.

Jeremy stood out in the group on several counts. He is an extremely hard worker and yet never sought the spotlight or recognition. Jeremy was always someone who could be counted on to meet his commitments and complete promised work.

Jeremy is open-minded and a very thoughtful team player. One could talk with Jeremy on any subject. While he always had an opinion, his concern was not controlling the direction of the group, but making sure that all voices were heard and respected. He was a persistent advocate for maintaining a truly democratic process that allowed the group to be welcoming



and open to any volunteer. He had endless patience with the sometimes messy process of decision-making in a non-hierarchical organization.

Jeremy's values can probably best be understood by looking at the close-knit home community he created. I could see that he was similarly a peacemaker and important bridge between people at home. Jeremy's world-view is a communal one, where people take care of one another and support one another. In the way that American mainstream culture endorses this of the nuclear family, Jeremy's created "family" could count on one another. His home had an open door -- if someone needed a place to stay, a warm meal, or an ear, they found a haven there. The generosity and openness of that home was palpable to any outsider who entered. This generosity and caring extended far beyond the walls of their dwelling. They volunteered countless hours in the community. They provided free hot meals in a public venue every week to anyone who showed up. They would organize fundraisers for local community groups, and organized free educational events. In the same spirit that Occupy volunteers were the ones who ended up doing much of the crucial community relief work after Hurricane Sandy, Jeremy's household worked tirelessly to make their broader community a better place for everyone.

Jeremy worked not to make or save money or buy possessions, not to make a name for himself or gain recognition. He comes from a place of selflessness. He's not about ego, heroism, self-promotion, or grandiosity. His vision for the world may be utopian, but is motivated by a great compassion for the world's oppressed. Your honor, you may not agree with Jeremy's actions that brought him to this place, and as a young man in his 20s, surely he has already grown and expanded his worldview from this experience. But Jeremy's actions did not come from malice in his heart. They came from a place of love for the world and a passion to make the world a better place for all life. This was always clear to me and to everyone who worked with Jeremy, and it is why he was able to connect with people of such different backgrounds. His deep compassion was most obvious in public events when it was always invariably Jeremy who straggled behind the crowd to help carry or push his disabled friend in a wheelchair. It was always Jeremy who made sure that no one was left behind.

Your honor, in consideration of Jeremy's character and his good behavior while in prison I ask that you please consider offering him time served as a sufficient sentence.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Debra Michaud

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 2013.

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Viviana Moreno. I am currently living in Chicago. I'm a full-time student and worker. I currently sit on the Board of a Latino LGBTQ Organization based in Chicago called Orgullo en Accion.

I met Jeremy three years ago while he was playing a benefit show along with many other musicians in the Chicago community. Although I did not get to have a lot of personal contact with Jeremy, we had a lot of friends in common, so I would see him once in a while. His character was always gentle and very kind towards anyone who would strike up a conversation with him. I could tell he was very smart as well. Often I would see him play chess with a lot of folks who I consider good friends. What I saw in Jeremy was a complete dedication to his community, often going from one benefit fundraiser to another in order to be able to help out and collaborate with whomever might need it.

I'm interested in Jeremy's case because I believe he is being treated in a way which completely contradicts his kindness and dedication for social justice. I believe Jeremy committed an act of dissent; not a criminal act. I am aware he has pleaded guilty to a violation of the Computer and Abuse Act. I believe Jeremy should be treated compassionately, since he has actually done a service to the Chicago and U.S. community in general.

Why is it that if he has committed the same offenses as his co-defendants and his punishment is a lot harsher? Why is he not being allowed the same leniency as the others?

I must remind you that Jeremy had no financial gain from his actions. He was purely politically motivated to uncover a truth he thought must be exposed to the general public.

I ask you for leniency on his sentence, and in his case overall. We want to see Jeremy back in his community. A community, to which he has dedicated many years of his life to assert the presence of just and equal treatment for all.

Thank you,

Viviana Moreno

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Viviana Moreno", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.



Judge Loretta Preska,

Greetings your honor, my name is Matt Muchowski and I wanted to take some time out of my busy schedule to write to you in support of leniency for Jeremy Hammond, the computer hacktivist who has plead guilty to the hacking of Strategic Forecasting and leaking those documents to the public. I realize that you are also very busy, but I hope that you are able to take a few minutes and listen to the voices of the many people whose lives Jeremy has impacted in a positive way.

I first met Jeremy in college, even though we went to different schools in Chicago, we were both very active in the youth anti-war movement. Jeremy struck me as an energetic and passionate person who wanted an end to violence and war. At the time, we were outcasts from public sentiment. It felt like the whole country was cheering 'shock and awe' while we were concerned about all the loss of life. Eventually the majority of Americans came to agree with us, and I take great pride in knowing that while our leaders misled us into a war that had enormous consequences for civilians, soldiers, and the economy; young people like Jeremy were speaking out and trying stop the war before it was too late.

As we grew older, we drifted apart, but I would run into him from time to time. I remember during the height of the economic recession, he was very active with a group called 'Food Not Bombs' in the Chicago neighborhood Pilsen. Pilsen is predominately a low-income Latino neighborhood, and Jeremy along with his brother and other volunteers, organized a functional and reliable soup kitchen and food pantry. There would be lines around the block of middle-aged Latina mothers, who were trying to get loaves of bread, and I would see Jeremy handing them out.

I think this speaks to the fact that Jeremy would always put others before himself.

Even with his computer skills, I feel like he tried to use them to benefit others. Jeremy is a computer genius, and like many genius' before him, he often runs ahead of everyone else, and is stuck waiting for the rest of us to catch up. But unlike other genius', who use their intellect to advance their own careers or to take advantage of people, Jeremy has tried to educate people about those who are taking advantage of them. Jeremy might have climbed out of the dark cavern of ignorance, but he likes to show us how we can also climb up ourselves, and to inspire others to take some kind of action to change the world. Jeremy has never led by ordering others around and telling them what to do, instead he has led by example, allowing others to deduce for themselves how best to work for equality, justice and democracy.

You have made difficult decisions as a judge before, and you know that you are not the first to do so. While you will have critics no matter what your decision is, you should make a decision based on what is right. There will be many powerful people and groups who will applaud a 'tough' stance against a repeat offender of cyber-crime. Historically there have always been judges who ruled harshly against anarchists and activists. Today the history books remember Joe Hill, Sacco and Vanzetti and the Haymarket anarchists, with little mention of the judges who meted out death to them. One exception was Judge John Peter Altgeld. Algeld, as governor of Illinois in 1893, made the difficult decision of pardoning the surviving Haymarket Anarchists. It was a decision that was used against him in his reelection campaign, and likely contributed to his loss.

Yet today he has statues, streets and parks dedicated to his name and memory, because as the years have passed, passions have cooled and history was examined, society has taken a longer view on what happened, and came to view those activists and radicals in a more sympathetic light, and Governor Altgeld's decision has been vindicated over time as people have seen the wisdom and compassion that motivated his pardons.

It is my belief that a light sentence for Jeremy would also be vindicated, not only by his behavior, but by society's rapidly evolving views on what he did, and the laws used to prosecute him.

You may consider what kind of message a lenient sentence would send, and you may think that a harsh sentence would deter similar crimes by other hacktivists. But I think you really need to



consider what message you would actually be sending. A harsh sentence for Jeremy while the anonymous hackers who collaborated with him in Europe received light sentences would send a message that American justice is unduly strict and harsh for destitute activists, while bankers continue to be 'too big to jail.'

I encourage you to read Matt Taibbi's Rolling Stone article 'Gangster Bankers: Too Big to Jail.' He details how despite helping drug cartels launder money, nations like Iran and Sudan evade sanctions, and helping move money for terrorist groups, HSBC faced no charges because according to Assistant Attorney General Lanny Breuer, "Had the U.S. authorities decided to press criminal charges, HSBC would almost certainly have lost its banking license in the U.S., the future of the institution would have been under threat and the entire banking system would have been destabilized."

Jailing Jeremy may not imperil the world economy, but it could be interpreted as an attempt to imperil the courageousness of a new generation of whistle-blowers and activists.

A New York Times article 'The Banality of Systemic Evil' by Northwestern University philosophy professor Peter Ludow, points out that 70% of young people believe that NSA leaker Edward Snowden did the right thing. If there had been similar surveys about Jeremy, I am certain that the numbers would be much the same. I believe that this generation is hasn't lost it's moral compass, rather it is those in power who have lost all sense of right and wrong in their desperation to hold onto power for themselves, and young people understand that better than anyone. They have grown up in a world where banks are bailed out but young people are forced into extreme debt to get an education that qualifies them for jobs that don't offer pensions, and where their ability to stay in good health is tied to their ability to have their labor be exploited so that others can get rich. They know that the game is rigged against them, and they cheer those who expose this game of three card monte.

You might agree with this young generation's critique of such spying, and you may see little difference between it and Jeremy's own 'unauthorized access' of private information. I believe this is a false equivalence. Jeremy was trying to inform the public about way's in which they are being spied on by private forces. Of which the Stratfor documents clearly show. Jeremy tries to reveal how regular people are being exploited and manipulated by those with power. While the NSA may claim that it is trying to keep people safe from terror, the reality is that they are not only violating the 4th amendment with next to no public oversight, but are doing so to protect the interests of the powerful. Jeremy hacked the few to inform the many, while the NSA hacks the many to defend the few.

To give Jeremy a harsh sentence, while no charges have been made against NSA directors, would send a message that the NSA's spying is OK, but that those who attempt to reveal and disrupt the interests of the powerful, are to be punished.

I do not think that the way Jeremy tried to inform the public of such corporate wrongdoing was the most productive or smartest way to do so. The legal consequences for him have already been disproportionate to his crime. However I believe that Jeremy's heart is committed to serving the public, and that if given a chance, he would put his skills to great use in a legal and socially responsible way.

I fear that a harsh sentence will not only limit his ability to use his skills for good, I fear that it will embitter him and that even years from now, he may not have the same energetic drive to make the world a better place.

I feel that Jeremy has tried to do much of his activism in socially acceptable ways, but has found that even then, he is targeted and punished for his trying to do the right thing in the right way. He pointed out security flaws in the website for the computer department at his college, and offered to fix them, for that he was kicked out of school.

I once traveled to Toledo, Ohio to bail Jeremy out of jail. He had traveled to Ohio to join in a permitted demonstration against a neo-nazi group's rally. However, a Toledo judge had ordered that any gathering of 3 or more people outside of the competing rallies would constitute an 'illegal assembly'. The obvious unconstitutionality of such a decree was besides the point, the city was trying to keep the streets quiet, no matter the cost to free speech. This decree was used by police to arrest



people who were crossing the street to attend the permitted rally, and anyone who even looked like they would be demonstrating. In Jeremy's case, the car he was in was pulled over and he was arrested before they even reached the rally.

However, despite the way in which he was treated unfairly by those in authority, community members rallied to support him. It was easy for me to gather the money to bail him and his friends out of jail, many people wanted to support him against such illegal charges. Jeremy spent two nights in jail, and when he was released we stopped at a Kinko's to use their pay-by-the-hour computers to alert everyone in Chicago who contributed to his bail fund. However as soon as we walked in the door, the clerk recognized Jeremy from the TV coverage of his arrest and told us that we could use the computer for free.

Please, do not make the same mistake as those who have punished Jeremy harshly before. You have the ability to use your discretion for a reason, because people in the real world are not as simple and clean-cut as the law. Jeremy may have violated the letter of the law, but aspires to breathe life into the spirit of our democracy.

The non-profit I work at has had people with court ordered community service complete it here before. I am often the person who is responsible for supervising their service, and I would gladly trust Jeremy to work here. I would gladly vouch for Jeremy to my boss. I'm not sure if this is a legally viable option, but I'm telling you this to let you know how high I regard Jeremy and his ethical code, and how much I trust him, that he could come into my workplace, and I would be willing to be responsible for Jeremy and his actions.

I believe that if Jeremy had been offered trust in similar opportunities and maybe a little bit of direction in how to use his skills in the service of his ideals, that he might not be in jail facing sentencing today. I also believe that it is not too late for Jeremy, but much of his future, and the lives of all those he could impact in a positive way, now rests on your decision. I hope you will see that the only decision that will be based in wisdom and compassion would be a lenient sentence.

I would be glad to speak to you or your staff over the phone or in person about how much potential I think Jeremy has and why I believe you should be lenient in your sentencing.

Matt Muchowski

Matt Muchowski  
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To The Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Jack Munsell. I am a resident of Chicago, Illinois. I do not know Jeremy very well on a personal level, but we share many mutual friends. I have come to know his wonderful brother Jason pretty well since the time of Jeremy's incarceration. While I may not have close personal ties to Jeremy on a daily basis, I have had the good fortune to interact with him on a few occasions. The first time I came across him was at an event that happened to be serving food. He approached me with a plate and said "you have to try this. My friend made it. It's so good". It so happened I knew the cook so we chatted for a couple minutes as I munched on the food he gave to me (he was right- it was really good). Regardless of already having known we shared the same company, I could tell right then and there that this individual was a giving and caring person, Based on this interaction and other observations. It was easy for me to see why he is so popular amongst our crowd. Not just because he is a talented musician. Not just because he's sociable. But because of his humility, his drive to help others, his utter ability to think beyond himself. It's the kind of character harbored by the compassionate company we keep, tenfold. Above-and-beyond type kindness (it must run in the family). It was evident then, and it is beyond evident to me at this point. For Jeremy put himself on the line through his actions not for self-gain, but for the greater good. OF PEOPLE OTHER THAN HIMSELF. The only positive thing it seems to me that Jeremy has gained from this situation is the outpouring of support. No money for his pocket. No ability to claim power over anything or anyone. It is clear these are not things he wishes to attain. This was not his motive. Period.

Just because some people don't want this information exposed, and others turn a blind eye (intentional or not) to it, does not mean it does not deserve to be known. The truth is, Jeremy manifested his belief at his own peril. But why is that wrong, especially given the motive (that being to bring truth to light)? Why are we taught honesty is the best policy, yet people are punished for bringing honesty to the forefront? If those who maintain this information were forthright to begin with, this scenario that Jeremy is involved in would not exist. I'm trying to speak in broad terms, not political. Why is it ok for these companies and corporations who really seem to harbor a lot of selfishness and ill-will to do as they please with little to no regulation and withhold information that would be beneficial to the public and a harbinger of DEMOCRACY? But when an individual like Jeremy takes a stand and acts out of total selfLESSness, he is punished quite harshly. It seems so backwards. I can't understand why the general populace could care less about these types of goings-on, but the sad truth is that most people are pretty apathetic when it comes to these things. But that shouldn't make Jeremy's actions less valid and it certainly doesn't mean he's wrong.

The world needs more Jeremy Hammonds. He is not a criminal. Criminals seek to gain for themselves, and I know I've already mentioned it, but it could not be clearer to me that what was done was done so that others could benefit positively, even if they don't care. The only people who may have been affected negatively are people who carry no humility, no modesty, and no thought of the greater good. They are negative to begin with. The world needs more Jeremy Hammonds because if everyone harbored his mentality we would all flourish TOGETHER and things would be much more peaceful.



Given the circumstances Jeremy has endured during his time spent in prison (lack of contact with family and friends, solitary confinement, etc.), I think he has been punished enough. These are very harsh conditions that cannot be confined to terms based on numbers. I really hope you can see this. Please let Jeremy Hammond continue to be a pillar of our community; the PEACEFUL son, brother and friend that he is, has been, and I know will continue to be. For everyone's sake.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,  
Jack Munsell





Turnersville,  
September 16, 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Bria Grace Murray and I am writing to implore you to have leniency as you consider the sentence of activist Jeremy Hammond.

I met Jeremy several years ago through activism we both participated in and, over time, found him to be one of the most compassionate, caring, honest people I have ever had the good fortune to befriend. His passion for social justice and love for those around him showed in everything he did, whether it was leaving work early to march alongside me in a march for women's rights that I had helped to organize, or whether it was playing soccer with my then three-year-old son after sneaking him bites of brownie during meetings for the activist group we both belonged to. In fact, my son, now five years old, remembers how kind Jeremy was to him. Attached, you will find a letter from him that he *volunteered* to write when he found out what I was writing and why. They are his words, and I included them not to make a mockery of the court, or to make light of what I know is a very serious and sacred process, but to impress upon you that even after over two years of not seeing him, the impression that Jeremy leaves on people is so great, so positive, and so long-lasting, that a five-year-old child feels passionate enough to want to help someone who he still considers a friend.

Judge Preska, while I am aware that Jeremy has pleaded guilty to one count of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, I believe the immeasurable good he has done both in his community and in the lives of the people whom he loves has far, far outweighed any harm he may have caused by his actions. He did not gain in any way from his crimes, and, in fact, the co-defendants in Ireland and the United Kingdom that have even been prosecuted have, so far, individually served no more than 16 months in prison, time which Jeremy has already served simply waiting for sentencing.

Jeremy undertook these actions as an act of civil disobedience in a world that, as evidenced by the very act which Jeremy plead guilty to violating, is increasingly restricting the rights and privacy of the individual and which imposes harsh, disproportionate penalties on anyone who dare speak out or disagree.

Please, Judge Preska, I again implore you, have leniency. Jeremy has been away from his community for too long. We miss him, we love him, and our community is poorer without him. Please let him come home.

Sincerely,

  
Bria Grace Murray

[REDACTED]  
September 16, 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is [REDACTED] and I am five and a half years old. I want to write you a letter to ask you to let my friend Jeremy go home.

Jeremy is my friend from Chicago. When I lived in Chicago I would go see Jeremy and we would play soccer and sometimes dance to music. He is a nice friend.

I know Jeremy is in jail because he did something wrong. That makes me sad. I think Jeremy should be able to go home. He is not a bad person. He is a good person. He has been in jail a long time and I think he has been in jail enough.

Mommy said you can tell the jail to let Jeremy go home. Please do that.

Thank you.

Signed,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Murray

Age: 5½ years old

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Preska:

I'm writing on behalf of my family, requesting your leniency in the sentencing of Jeremy Hammond. I know Jeremy, and his brother Jason, but not as activists first. I came to know them as a first-time father of a new little boy whose first couple of years were spent in the care of a circle of young friends in the neighborhood.

My acquaintance with the Hammond twins came after first meeting several of their friends at a local corner store market. They were helping the young mother who ran one of the only fresh food stores in the predominantly Latino neighborhood we lived in when my son was born. The store was very important because it was the only one catty-cornered to a school in the neighborhood that sold fresh natural produce and juice instead of soda, candy, and chips. They provided her with the flexibility in her personal life that she required as an independent small business owner, and also with the store operation. When we visited the store, sometime around our child's six-month point, these kids expressed very sincerely and sweetly their willingness to provide us exactly the kinds of support vital to all young working-class families. We badly needed it, and they quickly became a support to my young family in a vital way. They all struggled with the economy trending downward, and while my wife and I were able to, we happily paid them for help with things like child care. This was no group of freeloaders. They were hardworking, educated, kind, and grounded in reality.

Through them, after a few brief run-ins, I got to know Jason in a conversation about music. He's a funny guy. I was a total outsider to their community, and yet both of the twins welcomed my family and me with a smile and a hug every time they saw us. Jeremy and Jason, along with the majority of their friends, seemed to actually come from good working-class families, and formed a safe community for the few who didn't. Repeatedly, I witnessed Jeremy and Jason step in to help people in need. When no one else could, they found a way. They're both capable of contributing to any solution simply with no other tools than their intellect and personality. Jason is quite a jester who seems to draw a playful creative energy out of thin air. Jeremy is creative in a more focused way. They complement each other in the best way that twins can, and it's hard to imagine them not positioned side by side.

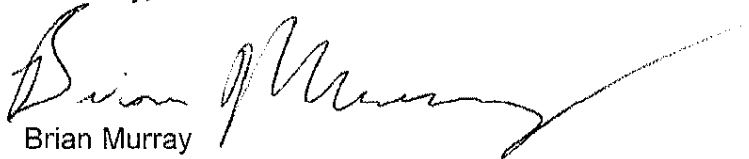
It's a rare thing these days to encounter such confident and talented kids who freely commit the

majority of their time and resources to helping others. Despite their talents and many friends, I never once heard either of them make an arrogant statement or pass judgment on someone impulsively, which seems so common in general; some of the others I saw around them were no exception. I watched this community of friends look out for many in the broader community, going above and beyond what most citizens in the city of Chicago do when it comes to building a connection to their surrounding community. They not only took care of themselves, but also anyone who they could help. All of this gave significant energy to the community as it took shape in ways to face the challenges of pollution, street gangs, and acquiring basic needs like healthy food and emotional support during all types of adversity.

There is a hole here in this city with Jeremy gone. No one in my family has ever encountered a situation like this before. We've repeatedly encountered so many un-connected people willing to share their sadness and appreciation for Jeremy and his situation. So many people deeply acknowledged the sincerity and friendship that they received in brief moments of their lives with these two brothers.

I understand that he has taken responsibility for a role in what he was accused of. I'm proud of him for doing that. I see it as yet another example of his willingness to take responsibility for his world, and his impact in it. Again, I feel this is extremely rare, even worth protecting. I also know that Jeremy's last experience with prison left him with scars that will take time to recover from. Ten years, on-top of over a year of imprisonment without trial; including multiple stints in solitary, seems like an unnecessary expression of power. Please consider that Jeremy's character, however young and misguided at times he might appear, is something to nurture and not destroy.

Sincerely,

  
Brian Murray

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 22, 2013

Judge Preska,

I am writing this letter to show my support for Jeremy Hammond. I met Jeremy about 2 years ago through friends who all worked for 'Food Not Bombs'. This group voluntarily cooks and distributes food within working-class neighborhoods. I have grown up and spent my whole life living in Chicago and have seen too little people really try to make a difference in their communities. When such groups have someone like Jeremy involved, who I would consider to be a very compassionate, caring and selfless person, it spreads throughout the entire community. Throughout my interactions with Jeremy, I never once saw him act in a harsh manner towards anyone. He took the work that he did in the neighborhood and applied it directly to his personal relationships, treating each person with respect.

I am asking that Jeremy Hammond be given leniency. Compared to his co-defendants in Ireland who will not spend more than 16 months in prison, Jeremy is facing up to 10 years behind bars. I am aware that he pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse act, but he had no financial gain from his actions that he undertook as politically motivated acts of disobedience.

Thank you for your time,



Joanna Ocampo



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 8, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I have known Jeremy Hammond since 2004. I met him at a protest in Chicago in 2004. Jeremy should be sentenced to time served. Jeremy should be let out of jail today. He has suffered enough in jail since his arrest in March 2012, which was a year and a half ago. According to the news reports I read about the crime he is accused of, which is hacking into national security websites or something like that, the damage to the websites was probably fixed quickly after the hacking, therefore, he should be let out because the damage he is accused of causing has already been fixed. Jeremy's co-defendants in the United Kingdom have been sentenced to not more than 16 months in prison which is almost equal to the amount of time Jeremy has already spent in jail aka time served. Prison sentences in the United States are longer than prison sentences in most other countries. The United States has one of the highest incarceration rates in the world because of long prison sentences and other reasons. The fact that Americans get longer prison sentences than people in other countries is anti-American. Why should an American such as Jeremy get a longer prison sentence for the same crime than a person who was born in another country? Thanks for listening.

John Pierson

[REDACTED]

*John Pierson*



Michael R. Pitula  


Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 14, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I am contacting you in regard to the upcoming sentencing hearing of Jeremy Hammond. As a GED and adult literacy instructor who works with many ex-offenders on Chicago's West Side, I recognize the Court's responsibility to implement the law by imposing fair and just sentences for criminal violations. As you determine the sentence for Jeremy's plea of guilty of violating the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, I respectfully urge you to demonstrate compassion and consider the many positive contributions that this young man has made to society.

I have personally known Jeremy for about ten years through his community involvement here in Chicago and the surrounding suburbs. I first came to know Mr. Hammond through his publication of a high school newspaper weighing in on the wars and invasions of the time. It was impressive to see a young person engaging in civic discourse on matters of such global import at an age when many youth are caught up in the latest passing gossip or fad. This genuine concern for the course of public life is a characteristic that I believe has motivated Mr. Hammond over the last decade.

While we were never particularly close, I would interact with Mr. Hammond fairly regularly in the years to follow. I spent a time working as a community organizer for a local environmental justice organization in the Latino neighborhoods on the Southwest Side of Chicago. I would encounter Jeremy in the course of my outreach and he was always open to learning of and supporting the efforts of the community to secure equal access to clean air and public transit to travel to work and school. Hammond showed solidarity, in spite of the fact that he was not originally from the community. He became involved in supporting various public campaigns, speaking at transit board hearings and picketing with neighbors to draw attention to the public health threats posed by violations of clean air laws and regulations on the part of nearby plants and factories. His demeanor was always one of humility and genuine interest to serve.

In this way, he also shared his wealth of computer knowledge free of charge. Rather than use his talents for personal wealth or fame, he would regularly conduct research, help set up websites or provide other technical assistance to non-profit organizations or community groups committed to social justice. It is my belief that even in the circumstances immediately before the Court, in which Jeremy has pled guilty to utilizing his computer abilities in a way that violated federal law, he was motivated not by selfish gain, but out of an ideal to benefit the public well-being.

Jeremy's public service here in Chicago has been extensive. It is not limited to the examples that I have described here. I knew him to be active with and supportive of a broad range of efforts at creating a better world. He has worked directly with neighbors and friends to help end hunger, end sexism and gender-based violence, and to stop neighborhood displacement of low income tenants and homeowners. He has been an ally to groups working for human rights and environmental justice and to build healthy and diverse communities. He engaged in these efforts while maintaining employment as a productive member of society.

I respectfully request that the hefty testimony of Hammond's positive motivations and good works be added to the scales and that you exercise your judicial discretion to grant leniency to this young man who is sincerely committed to contributing to the improvement of our society. When determining how long to sentence any defendant, it is important to consider the safety and well-being of the community from which they come. Jeremy Hammond's role in this community is overwhelmingly positive. Giving him an extended prison sentence will carve out this light and darken Chicago's streets just a little more. A prolonged absence from this community will, in fact, prevent him from being able to contribute his time and energy to volunteering and helping those in need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael R. Pitula". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and legible.

Michael R. Pitula

Dear Judge Prestka

My name is Ryan Powell and I am a NYC resident. I've been working as sous chef, Prep cook, line cook for some of the most influential chefs and well known fine dining restaurants in NYC, including The Monkey Bar, The Russian Tea room and The Reed Roozbar. I have catered events for Olympic gold medalists, as well as Vanity Fair with Mayor Bloomberg in attendance. It has come to my attention that Jeremy Hammond has pled guilty and is being sentenced on November 15th. I am writing to respectfully ask you for leniency in this case and for Jeremy. Jeremy often frequented the coffee shop I used to work at many years ago in Chicago. He always struck me as a very bright, charismatic, empathetic, and just plain sweet kid. He was always friendly to every one I saw him encounter. With his big laugh that could put even the most awkward of introverts at ease. I would love to see Jeremy live up to his true potential with your help as his fate is

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in your hands Please Judge Preska Be  
lenient in your sentencing

sincerely, Ryan Powell

"America is the land of the second chance -  
and when the gates of the prison open, the  
path ahead should lead to a better life"  
George W. Bush



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Melinda Power  
Attorney at Law

October 9, 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

RE: Jeremy Hammond

Dear Judge Preska:

I am writing you on behalf of Jeremy Hammond. I have known him for a number of years. I originally met him in an attorney-client capacity. I then became friends with him. He is an extremely caring and compassionate person.

He also has many talents. He designed and developed my original web site for me. He refused payment because he wanted to thank me for my work on his behalf and because he was more interested in helping people than in making money. Any actions he did were not for monetary gain.

He is a person who cares about issues and the world in which we live. He cares about the homeless, the environment, opposing war and helping to ensure that all people have a live with possibilities.

I urge you to be as compassionate with Jeremy as possible. I know he pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. I think his time could be better spent out of prison helping others. Possibly a creative sentence that would let him use his skills to help others would be the most beneficial sentence for us all.

Since Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland will not be prosecuted -and in the United Kingdom, those who are already convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison, I urge you to be fair and understanding towards Jeremy. Thank you for reading this letter.

Sincerely,

  
Melinda Power

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 10th, 2013

Dear Judge Preska,

I am writing to you today to plead to you for leniency in the sentencing of Jeremy Hammond. My name is Cooper Quintin. I am 30 years old, a small business owner, a lifelong resident of the San Francisco Bay Area and a friend of Jeremy Hammond.

I have known Jeremy for almost 9 years now. He is one of the smartest, most compassionate and most dedicated people I know. I have seen Jeremy take in homeless youth and let them lodge in his house until they are able to support themselves and I have seen Jeremy work tirelessly for the welfare of the least fortunate in our society. Jeremy is a dedicated activist and I believe that he embodies the most essential aspects of America, such as freedom, liberty and charity.

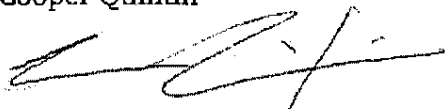
Jeremy had no financial gain from his actions, he undertook them only as politically motivated acts of civil disobedience, which is one of the most important tenants of a free society. As Thoreau said, "Unjust laws exist; shall we be content to obey them, or shall we endeavor to amend them, and obey them until we have succeeded, or shall we transgress them at once? Men generally, under such a government as this, think that they ought to wait until they have persuaded the majority to alter them. They think that, if they should resist, the remedy would be worse than the evil. But it is the fault of the government itself that the remedy is worse than the evil. It makes it worse. Why is it not more apt to anticipate and provide for reform? Why does it not cherish its wise minority? Why does it cry and resist before it is hurt? Why does it not encourage its citizens to be on the alert to point out its faults, and do better than it would have them?"

Jeremy's co-defendants in the United Kingdom will only serve 16 months, and his co-defendants in Ireland will not be prosecuted, I believe that Jeremy should receive an equally fair sentence. The CFAA is known for having disproportionate sentences, I believe this is due to a culture of fear and ignorance when it comes to technology, and I believe that you have the ability to turn that culture around, Your Honor.

I do not want to raise my children in a country where rapists and murderers receive more lenient sentences than a man who broke the law because he felt that it was his duty to expose the crimes of others and preserve American freedom.

I thank you for your time, Your Honor, and I hope that you will do the right thing and be lenient in Jeremy's sentencing.

Sincerely,  
Cooper Quintin



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007  
USA

October 2, 2013

Dear Judge Preska,

I am the mother of two boys and they both have great computer skills and also a sincere sense of justice. My sons are very concerned about this world and all the things that are going wrong in our societies. So is also Jeremy Hammond. I am aware that Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act but Jeremy is not a bad person acting in his personal interest and I sincerely think that he deserves compassion.

I've been writing to Jeremy Hammond for a few months now. What always strikes me in his letters is that he's more concerned about the others than about himself. He's also very smart, open to discussion and has a great curiosity about everything. There's a lot of kindness and much humor in his letters.

As a Swiss citizen, I was aware of what happened to Jeremy's co-defendants here in Europe. Those who are already convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison and some have already been released. It seems to me that CFAA allows disproportionate sentences. To keep Jeremy Hammond in prison for a long time would be a real loss for the society because he's a good person, not a criminal who wants to hurt others or make money through criminal activities.

People make mistakes but I think the most important is to consider a person as a whole and not only through the lens of a mistake. This is why I think that Jeremy Hammond deserves compassion.

I thank you for your attention and remain

Yours truly

  
Claudine Richard



October 15, 2013

Jerry Roman  
President/Owner, Rome & Company  
(Formerly) Chicago, Illinois

Honorable Judge Loretta Preska  
Federal District Court  
For the Southern District of New York

Dear Judge Preska:

My company employed Jeremy Hammond for two periods before and after his first conviction.

Attached is my letter of 2009 addressing the court then sentencing Jeremy; possibly a copy of that letter was used in Jeremy's current defense. I have not changed my assessment of his character in spite of his recent actions.

Jeremy is a social treasure. His passionate outreach to people in need is exemplary. Jeremy is intelligent, thoughtful, and kind; his potential for doing good works is nearly limitless. His motivation has always been fairness, never personal gain.

We have to rethink how we channel our intellectual assets. Excessive jail time is not the answer.

Respectfully,

Jerry Roman



To: All concerned parties  
Re: Jeremy Hammond  
From: Jerry Roman, Rome & Company  
Date: October 5, 2009

I have known Jeremy Hammond since August, 2006. Twice I have hired Jeremy as a Web programmer; the second time, following his period of detention, was with enthusiasm and without hesitation.

Jeremy's behavior in our offices is exemplary. He is focused and productive—his programming skills are exceptional.

With fellow employees Jeremy is friendly, courteous and polite; and while we suspect he has a low tolerance for corporate posturing, he has never demonstrated any contempt for business in the workplace; rather, he has always been extremely respectful of the business needs of Rome & Company and its clients.

Jeremy is a thoughtful, intelligent and valuable member of our development team that we would very much like to keep.

Respectfully,

Jerry Roman  
Owner, President,  
Rome & Company

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 8, 2013

Judge Preska,

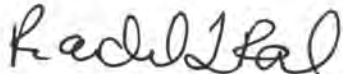
I first wrote to Jeremy Hammond in March of this year after reading his letter about the death of Aaron Swartz. I had previously heard about his case, but it was the intelligence and compassion of this letter that prompted me to correspond, and we have written several times since then. Receiving a letter from him always brightens my day.

We discuss music and books and how he is doing. My impression of him is as a very sweet, kind kid who should be out working as an asset to society somewhere rather than confined in his current condition. Being from a slightly older generation, I went from being absolutely terrified of computers in college in the early 90s to using them as an essential when I was a grad student several years later at Stanford, and being amazed at their uses, even back then. It's the Aaron Swartz's and Jeremy Hammonds of the world, who grew up with them, who know how to harness technology for accountability and the greater good. Unfortunately the related laws seem to pre-date even me and are in great need of reform. I adamantly believe that Jeremy's intentions were for good, not for wrongdoing, not for financial gain, but with an intent to help society.

When I think about Jeremy I think of him not as a criminal but as a political prisoner, and it saddens me that the US is channeling more into building its prison population rather than more positive efforts. Jeremy is a soul with a vast humanity, and this comes across in his writing. It seems more criminal to keep him locked up, especially as those with vastly greater abuses, as his work revealed, go free. Please look to your own humanity in sentencing him – his punishment for time already served more than fits his deeds, and you have the power to let him now go free and go home.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,



Rachel Rosendhal  
Austin, TX

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 15, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

The purpose of this letter is to request your compassion and leniency when deciding the sentence of Jeremy Hammond, who has taken responsibility for his violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act by pleading guilty. Jeremy and his twin brother are little older than my youngest children, another set of twins.

I first met Jeremy Hammond and his brother Jason about six years ago, collaborating on community-building projects in working class neighborhoods. In addition to getting better acquainted with the brothers through grass roots organizing for positive social change, I also lived with them in two communal households. These living spaces were community centers where we conducted meetings, initiated food-distribution; where we hosted benefit concerts, music rehearsal sessions, poetry, dancing, painting, skill-sharing and work parties to prepare for protest actions, and more. These households had solid utopian visionary values and we were able to adjust our particular expressions of individuality with collective solidarity. We didn't follow leaders or lead followers. We made decisions democratically, and everyone was free to express themselves creatively.

Jeremy and Jason are working class kids, part of a generation without many opportunities for social mobility. They were wise enough to finish high school, and were intelligent, well-read students. Jason and Jeremy did not become cynical or apathetic. Both of them managed to sell their labor to pay bills, but participated more enthusiastically in volunteer work than in wage labor. Neither brother was personally invested in bureaucracy, commodity production, wage labor, private property or the other basic elements of modern industrial/agricultural development. Both strive to be whole, well-integrated beings.

Jeremy and Jason have studied history, culture, sociology, economics, philosophy, psychology, and spirituality and they have substantial historical perspective. They focus on empowering people by strengthening communities. They focus more on a better future for everyone, than on the

obstacles to that. They don't hate the 1%, they're indifferent to them. Jeremy and Jason live their beliefs, understanding that the lower classes and upper classes are not separate: we're all in this together, inter-related, interdependent as all life in the Universe is one. Jeremy and Jason believe in maintaining a free flow of energy, and specifically work to encourage working class cultural empowerment.

Jeremy and his brother manage to maintain a balance between theory and practice. The Hammond brothers are sincere, genuine people who try to help others to organize themselves. They are effective because they practice modesty and humility, and refuse to be dogmatic or sectarian. They encourage the people they work with to realize that all issues/positions/disputes/questions have many sides, and that we can get as much information as possible to make informed decisions, that we can make up our own minds for ourselves. I've never heard Jeremy or Jason telling anyone what to think, or claiming to have the answers, as they reached out to other ordinary people to draw them in to our collective struggles for freedom, joy, and love. These brothers test their theories of cultural liberation by listening to collaborators, forming consensus, and moving upward and onward. They promote ecological harmony, as much as values of tolerance among humans and the strength of diversity.

Idealistic young people have always been doing things that have no name yet. Jeremy Hammond is one of those people who inspires our collective imagination, encourages trying things that are fresh and vital. He learns from his own mistakes, and takes the lessons of history to heart. Jeremy Hammond takes responsibility by contributing to his community.

Please do the compassionate thing, and release this young person immediately to return to his family, friends, and the important work of building communities in preparation for a better future for us all.

Sincerely,  
Neal Rysdahl

Elizabeth A. Sarver

  
October 7, 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Re: Request of Leniency for Jeremy Hammond

Dear Judge Loretta Preska,

I am a wife and a mother of three grade school children. I run a home daycare and have consistently volunteered at my church for the past 20 years in various teaching and leadership roles. I am a home owner, tax payer, and concerned citizen of The United States of America. I met Jeremy two years ago at a benefit concert where he and his band were raising funds to raise awareness on issues surrounding racism. I saw him at a few other shows after and had the privilege of sharing a train ride with him into Chicago. Since his arrest, I have been in correspondence with him via letter writing. Even though I do not know Jeremy that well, I do know his brother well and his shared beliefs, motives and goals surrounding their political and social ideals.

Like most aware citizens of this country, they are displeased with heightened government control and surveillance that federal agencies have been partaking in on a secret basis. They see the blatant inequality of marginalized groups in our society and horrific mistreatment of individuals that participate in freedom of speech. They also see the injustices that occur when corporations are in bed with the government and the cohort activities that are accomplished under the dark of night. Even in Communist China their citizen were informed on the surveillance that they were living under. We in the United States of America are told that we are free, so we believe it, until something wakes us up and we see the freedoms that are being taken from us.

Jeremy did knowing break the law, but he did so that the people of the world could see the "freedom" that we live under. He fully understood the risks that he was taking and to him it was important enough even though he knew imprisonment was a possibility. I have been helping my oldest daughter with a project on the Civil War. I just learned about Charles Turner Torrey who was an



abolitionist during the civil war. He moved more slaves than anyone else, about 400. He had associates who believed the best way to seek change in slavery was to talk to people and through writing and handing pamphlets et cetera. He became frustrated with how long it was taking to see change. So he bought some horses and wagons and starting working with the Underground Railroad. He knowingly broke the law and fully understood the risks that he was taking and that he could even face imprisonment. In December of 1844, Charles was sentenced to six years in prison for 3 counts of stealing slaves, a year and a half later he died in prison of tuberculosis.

With the onset of technology, our world and country is changing fast. Unfortunately we have not handled it very well. I believe in 150 years we will look back at all of the data mining and electronic surveillance that is going on today and view it with the same utter disgust that we now view slavery. The extent to which our government and its various agencies' are invading on its citizens privacy is completely out of control, with new common core standards that are being implemented into our schools across the country the federal government will have the ability to track 400 points of data on every child and keep it on file indefinitely. Now with the addition of Obamacare, they will be data mining on both the young and the old. We are heading straight for a country of totalitarian rule.

I have always believed and still do today that Jeremy's case is critical in the way it is handled for the precedence that it will set on other electronic cases and the responsibility that the government has to it's people in regards to protection of privacy. Since Jeremy's arrest the world has been enlightened on just a glimpse on 'how deep the rabbit whole could go' with release of NSA surveillance. I believe that you, as the judge over this case, have the responsibility to set a precedence that states that we will not allow our government to continue in the path that is taking. That by example, you will give Jeremy Hammond leniency, to show that you understand the importance of putting a stop to government surveillance. And that you recognize that his actions were an act of civil disobedience in an effort to wake us up to this path.

In regards to the 2.5 million that Jeremy Hammond is being asked to pay to Stratfor for the damages that were incurred, I would like to make a motion that it should be the Federal Bureau of Investigation should bear this weight since they arranged, allowed and could have stopped this hack from taking place.

Thank you for your sincere consideration!

Blessings,

Liz Sarver



Dear Judge Preska,

I am Mark Saulys of Chicago, Ill. and a friend of Jeremy Hammond. I am a common blue collar worker (sometimes a construction laborer, sometimes a retail clerk, etc ...) but I have worked as a community organizer and that is the work about which I am most impassioned.

I would like to take a few moments, if I may, to tell you how I feel about Jeremy and why I think he is a very decent man and fine character and does not deserve to be imprisoned for an extensive period.

I consider Jeremy (and I know he considers himself so also) to be a whistleblower and anything but a reckless vandal of the apparatus of state. I do believe (as I'm sure he does) that the public needs to know the facts about how they - and especially dissident members of the public - were spied upon and in some cases targeted for very underhanded, deceitful and malevolent retaliation.

I am sorry to hear your husband was badly affected by the leak. In general, Wikileaks redacts the information it releases so that undue harm would not come to innocent people who happen to be in the proximity of the incident of issue and Jeremy, I'm sure, was aware of that reputed practice. If that sort of redaction wasn't done in this case it is a most unfortunate oversight for which you and your husband certainly deserve an apology but it was a mistake made in the pursuance of the greater good of society and the intentions were, nevertheless, well meaning.

Jeremy has always been a very decent, diligent, honest, sincere and solid character. He is truly one of the people in the world whom I most admire.

He is someone who truly practices what he preaches. He always was, for example a vocal critic of greed and avarice in our society but not only talked about it but also opened up his own home to almost anyone who had no place to live.

He was always steadfastly honest, someone who not only was truthful but also someone who, if he promised to be somewhere or do something there would be no doubt it would he would do as he had said.

He was always someone who, if you needed something he would help you and pursue it for you with every bit as much fervor as if it were for himself. Jeremy is truly a fine character, one of the finest I know, and although his actions violate the law they are in keeping with, at least in his intent, the norms of decency. Laws often do not provide for many unforeseen circumstances and

some laws, most notably exemplified by our campaign finance laws, I believe to be legalized corruption - legal only because corrupt politicians made the laws.

So I'd like to ask you, Judge Preska, to not mete out a punishment to Jeremy as though he were an unscrupulous, malicious and rapacious criminal or recklessly and wantonly destructive but a well meaning (to his mind) whistleblower who was only seeking to serve the greater good.

Thank you very much,

Sincerely

-Mark Saulys

MICHAEL STEVEN SMITH & ASSOCIATES

ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 4, 2013  
Re: Jeremy Hammond

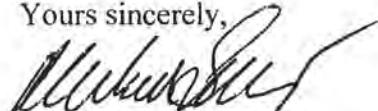
Dear Judge Preska,

I am writing to ask you to spare Jeremy Hammond a long prison sentence. I am a seventy-one year old practicing attorney in New York City. I have written several books, one called "Lawyers You'll Like" with chapters on lawyers and judges all human rights activists since the civil rights movement. I am on the Board of Directors of The Center for Constitutional Rights and am co-host a nationally broadcast radio show called "Law and Disorder." Our show has been broadcasting for an hour a week for eight years. A constant theme has been the erosion of privacy and the consequent undermining of democracy that we have all suffered in this period.

I have come to know Jeremy having visited him several times in jail, have sent him books on U.S. history, and have had discussions with him on how to make things better in our country. However illegal, I think his actions were sincerely motivated by this concern and thus was an act of civil disobedience in the tradition of Thoreau and King. I have come to like Jeremy very much indeed. He is a lovely and extremely intelligent young man. I think a short prison term could spur his rehabilitation and he could come out with much to contribute to our society. A long prison term would mean only a terrible waste of a human life.

However misguided one may think of Jeremy's action, it was not motivated for profit or self-advancement. It is heartbreaking for me to think that as a young man his life may now be ruined by an excessively long prison sentence. My own son is Jeremy's age and I think of what his loss must mean to his father and twin brother. So I ask for your compassion and remain,

Yours sincerely,



Michael Steven Smith

MSS/



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 8, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Max Suchan and I am a law student at DePaul University College of Law in Chicago. I also know Jeremy Hammond personally, and consider him a friend. I am aware that Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. I am writing today to ask you for leniency when you sentence him on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Throughout 2004 and 2005, Jeremy and I belonged to a group called Food Not Bombs, an organization that cooked hot meals several times a week to feed to homeless people and migrant workers in an economically impoverished community on the Southside of Chicago. We often cooked in Jeremy's apartment and he was always busy gathering food donations, cooking, and sharing food. I witnessed his generosity countless times, and I was always touched with his ability to deeply connect to the homeless people who came to eat, and treat them with the utmost respect. On one occasion, Jeremy spent the better part of the week gathering hundreds of winter jackets, scarves, hats and gloves to distribute during the food serving. I believe Jeremy is motivated with a sense of care and compassion rarely found to such degrees, especially in our generation.

Jeremy pleaded guilty to violating federal law. However, he did not gain anything, financially or otherwise, as a result of his actions. I am aware that his co-defendants in Ireland will not be prosecuted, and his co-defendants in the United Kingdom, already convicted, will spend no more than 16 months in prison.

Jeremy is a bright, compassionate and thoughtful person in the prime of his life. Keeping him in prison any longer will only do a disservice not only to his potential and future, but our society as well. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions and thank you for your time.

Respectfully,



Max Suchan



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 9, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:


My name is Jaime Taylor. I am a resident of Crown Heights, Brooklyn, and a librarian at an art gallery in Manhattan. I tell you this to remind you that Jeremy Hammond has among his supporters those who do not fit hacker anarchist typecasting. I write to you as a citizen of New York City and the United States, one of the people that the courts and prisons are meant to protect and to supply with justice.

I've only known Jeremy Hammond as long as he's been held in MCC here in New York – which, now that I think about it, has been a not insignificant time. I first wrote to him shortly after his arrival there, at the urging of a mutual friend, and we've been keeping up a correspondence ever since. I've also had the pleasure of meeting his brother, Jason, and his mother when they've come to New York; they are as pleasant and charming in person as Jeremy is in his letters, which is to say quite a bit.

Yes, Jeremy has to answer – as should every member of society – for the crimes he has committed. But, especially in light of his motivations – exposing the anti-social malfeasance of others in the name of justice when conventional pathways to justice were blocked, rather than personal gain – and the lack of injury caused, I see no reason why time served should not be sufficient payment, and hope that you will also come to think this way. I ask that you will sentence him with compassion and mercy. I also ask that you be sure that you are not deciding on his sentence out of political retribution. Retribution is not justice.

Jeremy and I have plans to get a beer when he's out. When that will be is, as you know, entirely up to you. Let's make that before he and I turn thirty, rather than when we are in the shadow of forty.

Sincerely,

  
Jaime Taylor

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Hon Judge Preska,  
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Dear Hon Judge Preska,

I am contacting you in regard to the upcoming sentencing hearing of Jeremy Hammond. Working full time as paralegal at a law firm in Chicago, I recognize the Court's responsibility to implement the law by imposing fair and just sentences for criminal violations. As you determine the sentence for Jeremy's plea of guilty of violating the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, I respectfully urge you to demonstrate compassion and consider the many positive contributions of this young man.

I have personally known Jeremy for several years, through his community involvement here in Chicago. While we were never particularly close, I came saw him fairly regularly and was fortunate enough to become acquainted with him through mutual friends and mutual involvement in community projects. I always found him to be friendly and pleasant. One thing that always struck me about Jeremy was his generosity and benevolent approach toward working with people and assisting others.

Jeremy was active with a number of projects and the one I was most familiar with was a community center where he volunteered. The center had a kitchen, hosted a lending library, held events and provided free tutoring and classes. On one particular occasion, I was working with a group that was responding to the financial crisis and its impact on working people and middle class families in the Chicago area. One of the things we decided to do was to prepare a large meal that would be shared publicly in the downtown area. We felt that this would be a symbolic, yet tangible demonstration of our social responsibility to ensure that those around us receive the things they need to survive. Jeremy ensured that we would be able to use the community center's kitchen and went out of his way to open the center early on a Sunday morning. He even went above and beyond, by staying at the center to help us cook and running errands to help us get supplies.

I recall another instance when I was trying to donate a box of books to one of the community center's projects. The person who responded to my email was Jeremy and he went out of his way to meet me

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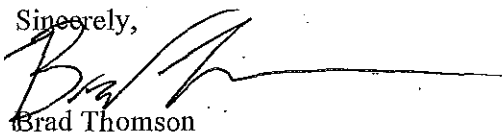
at a time that accommodated me and my schedule. I ended up showing up later than we had scheduled and I found Jeremy alone, doing clerical tasks. His response was not frustration or annoyance that I had inconvenienced him, but genuine appreciation that I was donating books. He seemed sincerely happy to know that by donating his time, a handful of people would be able to have access to resources they wouldn't have otherwise had.

Jeremy's unselfish attitude can also be seen in how he used and shared his computer knowledge and skills. It would not be an exaggeration to describe Jeremy's technical ability as "exceptional" or "brilliant." It always impressed me that he went out of his way to share this knowledge with members of the community and to offer his services free of charge. He would regularly set up websites or provide other technical assistance free of charge to non-profit organizations or community groups committed to social causes. Instead of using his abilities for personal wealth or fame, he chose to volunteer at community computer clinics that assist young people and underprivileged individuals from the community in learning basic computer skills necessary to do their homework, write a resume or design a website. It is notable that even in the circumstance immediately before the Court, in which Jeremy has pled guilty to utilizing his computer prowess in a way that violated federal law, he was motivated not by a selfish desire, but from a belief that his actions could benefit people in a positive way.

Jeremy's public service here in Chicago has been far-reaching and I'm sure it extends beyond activities I'm familiar with. However, I knew him to be active with and supportive of organizations working to end hunger, to end sexism and to end environmental degradation and the negative health impacts that come from it. He supported groups working for racial justice, struggling against neighborhood displacement, supportive of the rights of immigrants and building diverse communities. He did all of this while also maintaining employment and volunteering with the community center.

I am respectfully requesting that you exercise your judicial discretion to grant leniency to this young man who is sincerely committed to contributing to society. When determining how long to sentence any defendant, it is important to consider the safety and well-being of the community they are from. I can say with great confidence that Jeremy Hammond's role in this community is overwhelmingly positive and that an extended prison sentence will not make me feel more safe or secure. His prolonged absence from this community will in fact prevent him from being able to contribute his time and energy volunteering and helping those in need.

Sincerely,



Brad Thomson

October 8, 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
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Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Rachel Unterman, and I am a political activist in Chicago. Jeremy Hammond and I attended the University of Illinois at Chicago as computer science students at the same time, although I ultimately earned a degree in English Literature and went on to become certified as a teacher. We were also both active participants in the Occupy Chicago movement, which protested the influence of wealth in politics, during 2011 and 2012. My activism and educational background have since merged, and I now work to provide incarcerated political activists with books as they await trial or serve time. I also help run Operation Pen Pal, or #OpPenPal, which seeks to keep incarcerated activists connected to their communities and loved ones while behind bars. It is important to me that even those convicted of crimes have a chance to continue developing their literacy and critical thinking skills through reading and writing.

In the past year and a half that Jeremy has been in federal custody, I have gotten to know him better than I ever did in person. His letters are intelligent, funny, and nearly impossible to read, thanks to his terrible handwriting. He always shows more concern for others than for himself, often asking after his brother, Jason, and our mutual friends. I keep him updated on the political climate in Chicago, where we have been fighting to keep public education properly funded and mental health care available to all. He tells me about the books he is reading and the guitar lessons he is teaching for his fellow inmates at MCC. Throughout the process of his arrest and pretrial detention, I have admired his strength and ability to make the best of the circumstances.

Jeremy pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA) and is due for sentencing in November. CFAA is a law that is open to broad interpretation and is notorious for its wildly disproportionate sentencing. To put Jeremy's case into perspective, none of his co-defendants convicted in Ireland and the UK will spend more than 16 months in prison. Jeremy has already served more time than that waiting to defend himself at trial prior to his plea agreement. He derived no financial gain from his actions, but rather saw them as a form of civil disobedience, which is a long and honored tradition in this country's political history.

Please be compassionate when sentencing Jeremy Hammond next month. We need his sharp wit and bright smile back on the streets of Chicago. We miss him greatly, and respectfully request leniency in your decision.

Sincerely,



Rachel Unterman

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Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
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October 20, 2013

Dear Judge Preska,

I am writing to you today as a concerned citizen and one of Jeremy Hammond's former teachers. I am now in my twentieth year as a teacher and am proud to say in that time I have had a number of talented and intellectually gifted students. I would place Jeremy Hammond into that category. While I am familiar with many aspects of Jeremy's case and recognize he has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, I would like to tell you about the Jeremy Hammond I have known since he was a high school sophomore in my Contemporary World History Honors course.

From our first conversations, I knew that Jeremy was someone who looked beyond the facts and paid close attention to world events. You can imagine my excitement as a teacher to have someone in my class who could speak intelligently about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the effects of the Cold War, and the impact of European colonialism on the development of African political structures. Coupled with his brother Jason, we would spend many days after school talking about the current state of affairs in the world and the United States. Similarly, Jeremy's eagerness to learn was a characteristic he used as a tool to bring people together. Unquestionably, his passion for contemporary history increased the interest of his classmates in gaining a deeper understanding of the world and in seeking answers that went beyond the scope of the course. Not surprisingly, during the Middle East Peace Talks simulation, Jeremy was the head of the Palestinian delegation. Even as a sophomore, he understood many of the political intricacies of the Palestinian situation and the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza. In fact, it was Jeremy's group that came up with the agreed upon solution of a gradual withdrawal from the occupied territories over a ten year period to provide the opportunity for the Palestinians to create a state for themselves. His ability to see both sides of the problem and employ diplomatic negotiations and a compassionate approach served as a model for subsequent peace talks in Contemporary World History. Additionally, as Jeremy moved along in his high school career, he continued to find ways to make a positive impact on his school and his peers.

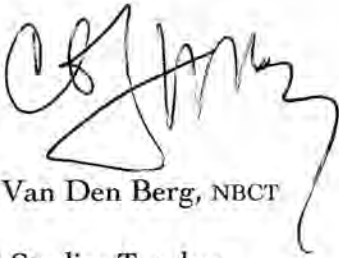
In the fall of 2001, Jeremy and his brother came to me and asked if it was possible to hold a Battle of the Bands. They came with ideas and more importantly, with access to equipment we could use for sound. I think that they mostly wanted to use the Battle of the Bands as a showcase for their band, Ice Titan, but their energy was contagious and I agreed to sponsor the event. With insight beyond their years, they rightly felt we could utilize the event to raise money for local and national charitable organizations and to hold a food drive for the local food pantry. Over \$1100 was raised and 5 boxes of food were collected in that inaugural year. Much of the money went to a local camp called TLC Camp for kids with cancer. As I mentioned, this was the "inaugural" year. We have since held eight more Battles raising over \$10,000 and donating on average, 10 boxes of food per event. I have no doubt that if Jeremy and his brother had not pursued this endeavor, there would be no Battle of the Bands today. It was their optimism about making a positive impact on their community and school that inspired me to continue this tradition of utilizing music to benefit others.

As demonstrated by his ability to inspire positivity amongst his peers and teachers, Jeremy Hammond is someone who has used his considerable gifts to create more thoughtful and

compassionate members of society. Jeremy's acts of civil disobedience only sought to expose the hypocrisy he perceived as negatively affecting the citizens of this country and the world community. He had no financial gain from his actions.

While the long-term impact of his actions on Stratfor is at best, debatable, what is unquestionable is the negative effect of a long prison sentence on Jeremy. He has already served over 15 months, including exhaustive stints in solitary confinement. Jeremy has always had a strong sense of justice and has stood up for those who are unable to stand for themselves. Therefore, as his former teacher, I am asking for justice to be served and leniency provided in the sentencing of Jeremy Hammond.

With Regards,



10/20/13

Chris Van Den Berg, NBCT

Social Studies Teacher  
Battle of the Bands Producer  
Leadership Coordinator  
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10/8/2013

Dear Judge Preska,

My name is Alberto and I currently reside in the city of Chicago. I tutor grade school children, and I also assist adults in their ESL classes. Jeremy is an exceptional human being he is a polymath and also an incredibly compassionate human being. He was always on the side of those people that were the most oppressed within our society standing up for lgbtq rights, immigrant rights, and people fighting for freedom in the third world. I would see Jeremy devote his time completely to selfless acts of love and kindness as I would see him alongside his brother giving food to the homeless on a weekly basis as the years passed by. He would never do things for himself and always lent a helping hand to any person that needed it. I know that freedom is one of the core tenets that this country stands for, and what Jeremy advocated was government and corporate transparency in a democratic fashion. One important thing to take into consideration is the fact that those in Ireland and the U.K that got arrested are being sentenced for 16 months. I also believe that it is worth noting that based on Jeremy's virtuous character that he would not be capable of doing anything for financial gain. In an ever increasing technological world filled with rampant problems in the economy, environment, and the political realm it is worth nourishing, applauding, and exalting great people like Jeremy Hammond which benefit democracy and not hamper or impede its process.

Sincerely,

Alberto Vazquez



10/12/13

Dear Judge Preska,

My name is Tim Welch from Phoenix, Az. I am a self employed contractor here in the Valley. I have been married for 23 years and have two children living in Bridgeport. Both of our children attend college in Chicago and have lived in the Bridgeport community since they moved to the area three years ago.

Mr. Hammond's case was brought to my attention by my children, and I have been following it ever since because of what he had done for my children. My son and daughter were moving from one apartment to another, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, and while in the process of carrying furniture and belongings up 3 flights of stairs, Mr. Hammond happened by and volunteered to help them with their move. He spent 2 hours of his time lugging complete strangers personnel items up 3 flights of stairs. My children did not know him or who he was other than Jeremy, until later, when they recognized his picture through public media reports. This does not seem to be a man that should spend time in prison.

I would like to express my gratitude to Mr. Hammond for his good deed that day and would greatly appreciate your deepest consideration for leniency in his sentencing on November 15, 2013.

In my opinion, Mr Hammond's actions in relation to CFAA does not warrant excessive jail time. He was not doing this out of greed, like so many others would have and have done, who had access to hundreds of thousands credit card numbers and passwords. Mr. Hammond's actions were driven by his own moral obligations as he felt.

Again, your Honor, I am asking that you would please treat Mr. Hammond with dignity and may his sentence be prudent and in line with his co-defendants in this case.

Thank you,



Tim Welch



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**-against-**

**Case No. 12 Cr. 185 (LAP)**

**JEREMY HAMMOND,**

**Defendant.**

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## EXHIBIT C

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Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
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Dear Judge Preska,

I write to you requesting leniency in your sentencing of Jeremy Hammond. I do not know Jeremy personally, but I have been following the release of the materials from Stratfor and the news reports engendered by their release. As the first person prosecuted in the U.S. for unauthorized disclosure, I continue to be a supporter of the need for whistle blowing to maintain a constitutional republic and avoid grave governmental abuses. My decision to go public with the Pentagon Papers was a difficult one. At my own risk, I released them, just as Jeremy Hammond has done. I believe the actions taken by Jeremy Hammond need to be viewed in a context that considers the profound consequences of private surveillance of political activists in the United States.

I understand that Jeremy has pled guilty to obtaining and releasing materials from Stratfor Global Intelligence, one of the largest private contractors used by the U.S. intelligence community. According to Congresswoman Jackson Lee, who in June announced her intention to introduce legislation to assess the use of outside contractors, seventy percent of the U.S. intelligence budget is currently going to such firms. Because intelligence budgets are secret there is no way for the public to know how the contractors are getting the money or what they are doing with it. There is no effective oversight regarding the manner in which these organizations operate.

Jeremy's actions gave us important insight into this reality that we would not have otherwise understood. The Stratfor emails show how Stratfor employs a network of paid informants that includes government employees and journalists; how Stratfor was hired by Dow Chemical to spy on people seeking redress for the victims of the Bhopal environmental disaster, by the Texas Department of Public Safety to infiltrate the activist community of Occupy Austin, and by Coca Cola to gather intelligence on People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA). There is no evidence that the release of this information has adversely affected national security. Rather, these disclosures have proved to be a critical resource for the delivery of information to which the public is entitled. Indeed, these disclosures have generated public debate appropriate to life in a democratic society like ours. In determining the appropriate sentence in this case, I ask you to consider the motivation of the government to go against anyone who releases confidential information that puts it in a bad light.

I ask you to consider sentencing Jeremy to time served, which will allow him to be a productive member of this society.

Thank you for permitting me to have my say here, as I am very pained by Jeremy's plight and grateful for the doors he opened.

Respectfully yours,




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October 19, 2013

Dear Judge Preska,

I write this letter in support of a young man named Jeremy Hammond, who is a gifted computer programmer and a noble human being.

As the National Security & Human Rights Director for the Government Accountability Project, I work primarily with national security and intelligence community whistleblowers, including those from the Defense Department, Department of Homeland Security, NSA and CIA – with a special focus on torture, secret surveillance, secrecy, and political discrimination. I myself am a whistleblower; as a former ethics adviser to the United States Department of Justice, I publicly disclosed that the Federal Bureau of Investigation committed an ethics violation in their interrogation of John Walker Lindh without an attorney present, information that the Department of Justice attempted to suppress.

Jeremy Hammond awaits sentencing in your courtroom on November 15, 2013 for hacking into the computer systems of Strategic Forecasting, which revealed that the company had been spying on human rights activists and that it employs a network of paid informants including government employees and journalists. While I understand he faces up to ten years in prison for his actions, Mr. Hammond deserves maximum leniency. He performed an act of civil disobedience out of a deeply held belief that the people have a right to know what the government and unregulated corporations are doing behind closed doors against them. He is a patriot who only sought to provide transparency and expose the surveillance crimes being perpetrated on the American people.

I respectfully plead for leniency on behalf of Jeremy, and know that he is not deserving of a lengthy sentence for simply being an American citizen devoted to fundamental rights and a transparent government. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
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Dear Judge Preska,

October 10, 2013

I hold the Wolfe Chair in Scientific and Technology Literacy at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. My teaching, research and writing all focus on computer hackers, with a particular focus on the development of Free and Open Source Software and the protest movement Anonymous. My research has guided me to view hackers as computer aficionados driven by an inquisitive passion for tinkering and committed to an ethical version of information freedom. So often misrepresented in popular culture simply as the practice of a deviant subculture, my research demonstrates how hackers have recast and bolstered civil liberties—notably privacy and free speech—through new modes of technical production and political engagement.

I first met Jeremy Hammond online while researching Anonymous and subsequently met him in person (in prison) to interview him for my book on the topic. Given what I know about Jeremy Hammond and Anonymous, there is no doubt in my mind his participation and his actions were politically principled and constitutes civil disobedience. I write to you both to ask for leniency in sentencing and, foremost, to recognize his activity with Anonymous not as nefarious criminality but as politically motivated and conscientious acts.

To be clear: I support laws that address crime, both offline and online; I believe those who choose to break the law, even for political reasons, must be willing to accept and contend with the legal consequences of their actions. Nevertheless, punishment must be proportional to the act and reflect the social and political context in which they occur. To treat protesters as criminals distorts the democratic process, failing to take into account motives, intentions, and effects.

One reason it may be difficult to perceive his actions as activism has to do with the prevalent stereotypes and distortions surrounding both the figure of the hacker and the protest ensemble Anonymous. To be sure, there are a great many criminals who use their technical skills to hack into computer systems for fraud and financial gain. But there are tens of thousands of technologists all over the world who wear the badge of hacker with pride. For instance, the

inventor of the World Wide Web, Sir Tim Berners-Lee, described himself a hacker in a short poem on a mailing list announcing the suicide of another hacker and Internet activist, Aaron Swartz, who was facing decades in jail for downloading a large trove of copyrighted academic articles. Upending convention, as many hackers are inclined to do, he described the youthful Swartz as a hacker and wise elder:

"Aaron dead.  
Wanderers in this crazy world,  
we have lost a mentor, a wise elder.  
Hackers for right, we are one down,  
we have lost one of our own."

Hacking may also confound as it plays host to a multitude of activities with no single institutional base and exhibits a political complexion of diverse hues and tones. For instance, on the technical front, a hacker's activity might consist of programming, security research, network administration, or hardware tinkering. Ethically and politically, the variability is just as pronounced. There are free software hackers who write programs, like the web browser Firefox, which are rendered open source through the use of innovative licensing schemes (which they invented and which hold legal muster); hardware hackers who hang out in hacker spaces tinkering with gadgets; cryptographers who use complex mathematical algorithms to build tools in an attempt to prevent corporate and state snooping; security researchers, sometimes referred to as breakers, who hack into systems to improve security; and other hackers, like Jeremy Hammond, who belong to a hacktivist tradition, which dates back to the early 1990s, oriented towards the channeling of technical skills toward political ends.

Jeremy Hammond is thus part of a large, internally diverse and global community of hackers who are engaged citizens. Hackers, like Jeremy Hammond, love to debate not simply about the intricacies of technical design but also regarding the role, and place, of surveillance, privacy and access in society. They may not always agree on how to politically solve current problems—indeed, they are quite sectarian in their views—but an increasing number use their skills to engender political change. Some do so through policy work while others, like Jeremy Hammond, express themselves through direct action. In short, a decade-plus of anthropological fieldwork among hackers and like-minded geeks has led me to the firm conviction that these hackers and geeks are building a vibrant civil liberties movement. These hackers are committed to freeing information, insisting on privacy and fighting censorship, which in turn propels wide-ranging political activity.

Within this diverse and expanding ecology of hacker-based activity—one might even view it as an emerging digital environmentalism—Anonymous specializes in acts of disobedience, defiance and protest. Anonymous is a banner used by both individuals and groups unfurling operations across the globe, from Brazil to the Philippines, the Dominican Republic to India. Since 2008, activists have used the name to organize diverse forms of collective action, ranging from street protests against the Church of Scientology to web site defacements. Their iconography—Guy

Fawkes masks and headless suited men—symbolically asserts the idea of anonymity, which they embody in deed and words. It is adept at magnifying issues, boosting existing (and usually oppositional) movements and converting amorphous discontent into a tangible form.

Hammond was attracted to Anonymous for how it has become a wide open platform for very different types of people around the world to collectively work toward the goal of exposing corruption and lend a helping hand to existing movements, such as the Arab Spring of 2011. He was particularly keen to work with hackers to disclose corporate and government wrongdoing. We may not always agree on the path taken by him, or others in Anonymous, but it is vital to recognize their interventions as principled dissent. To treat protesters, such as Jeremy Hammond, as criminals distorts and violates the social contract that ostensibly undergirds political norms in a modern civil society which purports to honor and reserve a place for civil disobedience.

The law under which he is charged, the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, tends to lead to far more extreme punishments when compared to analogous offline ones. Offline protesting tactics, such as trespass or vandalism of property, rarely results in catastrophic criminal consequences for participants, even for the leaders of social movements. Yet that same nuance, which fundamentally recognizes the intention and the consequences of actions, is rarely extended to online activities, especially when the CFAA is invoked. As a result, analogous behavior which might earn an offender an infraction or misdemeanor offline, with a penalty of perhaps thirty days in jail, is under the CFAA excessively punished as a felony. Criminal punishments for such acts can stretch out to years and fines are astronomically high, leaving dissenters destitute. The difference in punishments--and the willingness to even prosecute in the first place--have rendered similar acts wholly incomparable by our legal system. We routinely see offline actions such as trespass treated as political acts, while similar online behaviors are, without exception, deemed criminal.

My students, like many members of society today, spend much of their time online. They communicate with their family and friends through social media, rely on a search engines to kick start research, shop for all sorts of consumer goods, seek advice on anonymous boards during troubled times, read the news from dozens of different online publications and, increasingly, use the Internet as a political platform. The Internet is here to stay and as it weaves itself more tightly into the fabric of our everyday lives it is imperative to preserve the possibility of *different* online political organizational modalities. If punishments for intended acts of civil disobedience are excessive, an entire generation conditioned to engaging online will be robbed of the opportunity to exercise their beliefs through direct action and civil disobedience in their chosen venue. Civil disobedience already in its offline life, is only attractive to a small number of individuals willing to bear the possible consequences.

Dissent of the sort Jeremy Hammond participated in allows citizens to exercise their rights and demonstrate on behalf of the causes they embrace. His breach of the law was conscientious and

intentioned to expose wrong doing with the goal of catalyzing debate and stimulating change. The personal risk and sacrifice that inherently comes with political law breaking means very few citizens will ever elect to engage in civil disobedience; for the small class of individuals willing to stand up for what they believe in—as Jeremy Hammond stated he did—it is vital to preserve a space which allows them to do so.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gabriella Coleman", written on a light-colored background.

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October 8, 2013

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Dear Judge Preska,

I am a professor of philosophy at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. I became interested in hacktivist actions many years ago when I worked in the computer industry. Since then I have followed the legal cases of hacktivists and I have also studied the motives and strategies of hacktivists in some detail.

I am writing to ask for leniency in the sentencing of Jeremy Hammond. I have not met Jeremy, but I have met his twin brother, his girlfriend, and a number of his friends in the Chicago activist community. I am not an activist, but I do believe that what Jeremy did in his brief career as a hacker was an act of civil disobedience that was measured, and entirely appropriate under the circumstances. You may not agree with me on this point, but I hope that the following considerations will show that Jeremy's actions were not done of malice, but constituted a genuine and important attempt to help all of us. And I do mean all of us.

In one of the most referenced allegories in the Western intellectual tradition, Plato described a group of individuals, shackled inside a cave with a fire behind them, able only to see shadows cast upon a wall by the people walking behind them. In Plato's story, the shackled individuals mistook the shadows for reality. To see things for what they really are, these individuals needed to become unshackled, observe that they had been looking at mere (and deceptive) representations, and subsequently find their way outside the cave so that they could view the world correctly. The job of the truth-seeker was to provide assistance in finding the way out of the cave. I believe that Jeremy was acting as a truth-seeker. He was trying to expose a false reality that had been presented to us.

Jeremy's work as a hacktivist was revelatory. He didn't break into corporate systems to embarrass their corporate owners. And he didn't do it to merely expose secrets (although he did expose plenty). Jeremy Hammond is important because his exploratory hacking helped expose the scope and nature of the private intelligence industry. Along the way he exposed an organized and well-funded system of


deception targeting American citizens and other populations worldwide. He showed that the deception was systemic, sometimes illegal, and often exceptionally disturbing.

Few people realize that in addition to the familiar U.S. Government intelligence agencies (the F.B.I., N.S.A., C.I.A., and military intelligence operations) there are also a number of private intelligence corporations —, a sector of the intelligence community that is not well known but which is massive in scope. Tim Shorrok, author of “Spies for Hire: The Secret World of Intelligence Outsourcing” cites government estimates that by 2006, \$42 billion of the \$60 billion spent annually by the United States Government on foreign and domestic intelligence was going to private intelligence firms — -- meaning that 70 percent% of the money spent on intelligence was being outsourced. This also means that most of the intelligence activities take place outside of the (imperfect) oversight system that we have established for our federal enforcement agencies -- the CIA, NSA, FBI, etc. And of course the American U.S. Government is far from the only customer for these services. They also provide intelligence services for multinational corporations and lobbying groups.

Strategic Forecasting Inc., or Stratfor, was one of those private intelligence companies. It was originally hacked on Dec. 5, 2011 and a number of credit card numbers were released on the Internet. Jeremy did not participate in this first hack but he acquired the exploit and hacked Stratfor and perpetrated his own hack, which was posted to the Internet on Dec. 24, 2001.

Why did he target Stratfor if it had already been hacked? The initial hack (in which he did not participate) was done to harm and embarrass Stratfor. Jeremy’s hack was something else: It was an attempt to expose the deception matrix that Stratfor was using against the American people.

Jeremy’s hack of Stratfor provided a remarkable insight into how the private security and intelligence companies view themselves vis a vis government security agencies like the C.I.A.



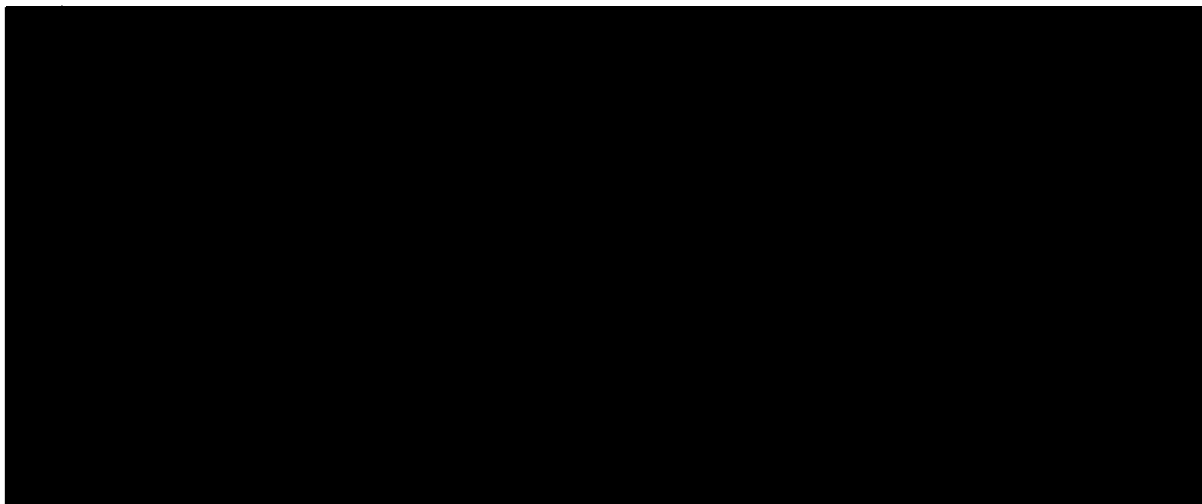
For example, Stratfor was involved in monitoring activists that were seeking reparations for victims of a chemical plant disaster in Bhopal India, including a group called Bhopal Medical Appeal. But the targets also included The Yes Men, a satirical group that had humiliated Dow Chemical with a fake news conference announcing reparations for the victims. Stratfor regularly copied several Dow officers on the minutia of activities by the two members of the Yes Men. For example one e-mail reported “Yes Man Mike Bonanno (Igor Vamos) was to give a lecture on 3/24 at Temple University in Philadelphia. The event was sponsored by



"ProduceExhibitions, The Temple Film Department, and The Tyler Art History Department." As a University educator, I found it particularly disturbing that Stratfor was passing along names of student organizations and the officers of those student organizations.



Disturbingly, Jeremy's work exposed that Stratfor even developed an illegal strategy for trading equities based on the inside information it was being supplied by its



On May 28 of this year Jeremy Hammond plead guilty to the Stratfor hack, noting that even if he could successfully defend himself against the charges he was facing, the Department of Justice promised him that he would face the same charges in eight different districts and he would be shipped to all of them in turn. He would become a defendant for life. He had no choice but to plea to a deal in which he may be sentenced to ten years in prison. But even as he made the plea he issued a statement, saying "I did this because I believe people have a right to know what governments and corporations are doing behind closed doors. I did what I believe is right."

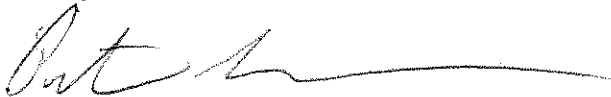
Many of Jeremy Hammond's supporters agree that what he did was right, and when one considers the scope of what his hacks exposed it is easy to understand why. In their view, the private intelligence industry is effectively engaged in PSYOPS against American public.

In the two and a half millennia since Plato, many philosophers have employed the basic form of Plato's allegory, and the allegory has even found its way into popular

culture. For example, in film *The Matrix*, the young computer hacker Neo learns that what he is experiencing is mere illusory representation – the experiences are being generated by a great computer simulation. Discovering this is no easy task, however. Initially, Neo just has the vague sense that something is wrong. When he meets the hacker Morpheus, he is unsure how to articulate his sense of discomfit. As Morpheus explains to Neo, the source of the discomfit his sensing the existence of The Matrix – “the world that has been pulled over your eyes, to blind you from the truth.”

This is the key to understanding why Jeremy Hammond is held in such high regard by his supporters. His actions pulled open the curtain of deception and allowed us to see behind it; he exposed the world that has been pulled over our eyes, to blind us from the truth.

Sincerely,

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Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
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October 14, 2013

Dear Judge Preska,

We are a group of concerned editors and journalists from around the globe. Together we represent newspapers, TV networks, and magazines with a combined audience of 500 million. In 2011 our news outlets published articles using documents allegedly obtained by Mr. Jeremy Hammond. We are aware that Mr Hammond has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act in relation to information from the company Strategic Forecasting Inc, or "Stratfor". The information allegedly disclosed has helped to keep the public informed about serious wrongdoings of corporations and corrupt governmental officers in more than 15 countries. In literally hundreds of articles based on these documents, we demonstrated corrupt and unethical behavior by a wide range of entities including Stratfor and its clients. These publications have led to important public interest outcomes. We implore you to consider a less severe penalty for Mr. Hammond.

Mr. Hammond did not seek to economically benefit himself by selling the information to Stratfor's competitors or other interested actors. His co-defendants in Ireland will not be prosecuted and in the United Kingdom those who are already convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison. We are asking you for leniency. A sentence that is not lenient runs the risk failing to differentiate between media sources whose activities bring about important public good and those engaged in professional criminality. This would have the serious consequence of encouraging the latter form of conduct over the former.

Mr Hammond is young, intelligent, politically engaged, and someone whose alleged conduct is directly linked to the constitutionally protected rights of the press. We believe he has a strong case for leniency.

We have an ongoing interest in this case since it may affect one of our journalistic sources and the ability of the press to function effectively. We remain immensely grateful for Mr. Hammond's alleged courageous assistance to our publications.

Yours sincerely,

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October 21, 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
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Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Neville Roy Singham and I am the Founder and Chairman of ThoughtWorks, Inc., a global IT consultancy. I founded ThoughtWorks over 20 years ago with the aim of attracting and employing the best knowledge workers in the world and building a community based on attitude, aptitude and integrity. We have grown from that small group in Chicago to a company of over 2500 passionate people spread across 29 offices in 12 countries. Our mission is to better humanity through software and to help drive the creation of a socially and economically just world. It is with our mission in mind that I write this letter in support of Jeremy Hammond and ask this Court for leniency and compassion in his sentencing.

Jeremy Hammond is not someone that I know personally, however, in part because our company originated in Chicago, some of our employees know him personally and have shared stories about a gifted young man with a deep sense of ethics who has bravely stood up for the causes he believes in. By all accounts, Jeremy has been a committed and selfless political activist, taking on causes from protesting Nazis to standing up for gay rights. The values at the heart of these causes are those shared by ThoughtWorks. He is *not* a violent offender and he did not seek out or take advantage of information for his own personal or financial gain. Rather, Jeremy sought information in order to expose what he believed to be illegal and immoral activities perpetrated by private companies in collaboration with our government; his sole goal was the betterment of our society.

I have another personal reason for writing to you, and that is to express my deep concern for the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. Aaron Swartz was a close personal friend and valued employee of ThoughtWorks. Aaron espoused the qualities we pride ourselves on at our company - he was a brilliant young man deeply engaged with the issues of his time who lived his life with integrity. As you may know, Aaron faced federal charges for violations of the CFAA for an act of civil disobedience apparently intended to promote universal access to academic journals - the broad and open sharing of information. I watched as the threat of prosecution under the CFAA overwhelmed this

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young man. Tragically, Aaron was so distraught over the possibility of spending years in prison and the potential loss of his rights of citizenship that he took his own life a few months prior to trial. Those of us close to him, and many others alongside us, have worked since to ask that our brightest, most socially conscious young people, who break laws as acts of conscience, be treated with compassion. As your Honor is well positioned to understand, the CFAA is a vaguely written law that gives prosecutors broad discretion, has been selectively enforced, and provides for shockingly harsh penalties. We are pained to watch this outdated piece of legislation profoundly alter another young man's life.

Jeremy Hammond performed a politically motivated, nonviolent act that he felt was necessary in order to hold wrongdoers accountable and as a result he has pleaded guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, for which he is facing up to 10 years in prison. A maximum sentence of 10 years is on par with sentences provided to violent offenders and thieves who steal information purely for personal profit. We believe that Jeremy is a young man who is trying to make the world a better place. He deserves this Court's compassion and I humbly request that this Court sentence him to time served, a just punishment for his violation of the CFAA.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Neville Roy Singham".

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Richard M. Stallman

22 October 2013

Dear Judge Preska,

I've been proud to call myself a hacker since 1971. That's when I was hired by the MIT Artificial Intelligence Lab to join the team that developed the lab's operating systems – for which the unofficial job title was “system hacker”. My subsequent hacking career has included developing the GNU operating system, which is often erroneously called “Linux”, and the legal hack of “copyleft” which uses copyright law to ensure that all users of a program are free to redistribute it and change it. I've received numerous awards and doctorates for my hacking, and have been invited twice to publish articles in law reviews.

Hacking means playful cleverness; a hacker is one who practices or enjoys playful cleverness. (See <http://stallman.org/articles/on-hacking.html>.) It does not particularly have to do with breaking security. Indeed, no one ever broke security on the AI lab's system, because we decided not to implement any.

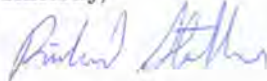
That decision, made by the original team members who became my mentors, was not taken lightly: it was the result of careful political and philosophical thought. Instead of keeping most users (those without “privileges” – which already sounds like a prison) shackled so that they could not hurt each other, we thought the lab members and guest users could learn to get along as a community, choosing not to hurt each other. And they did!

This example is not unusual for hackers. From the beginning, hackers' taste for playful cleverness has often gone along with a sense of social responsibility, concern for others' well-being. Jeremy Hammond is a fine example of a socially responsible hacker. He found a clever way to expose the many nefarious deeds that Stratfor was planning and proposing.

People should not be allowed to enter others' computers without permission; but when punishing someone for virtual trespassing, we ought to consider his motive. Those who trespass as part of a nonviolent protest, either physically or virtually, should not receive severe punishments. Those who act neither for gain nor for malice should not receive severe punishments. Imagine where our country would be if the civil rights and antiwar sit-ins had been punished by years in prison! If we do not want the US to be like Putin's Russia, imposing long sentences on protesters, we must steer clear of doing so. That applies to virtual protests as well as physical ones.

I therefore respectfully suggest that Hammond be sentenced to community service. To make use of his skills and abilities, this service could consist of helping nonprofit organizations protect their personal data.

Sincerely,



Richard Stallman  
Lead developer of the GNU system ([gnu.org](http://gnu.org))  
President, Free Software Foundation ([fsf.org](http://fsf.org))  
MacArthur Fellow  
Internet hall-of-famer ([internethalloffame.org](http://internethalloffame.org))





October 18, 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

RE: Sentencing of Jeremy Hammond

Dear Judge Preska:

I am the Legal Director of the Center for Constitutional Rights, an organization that has long defended the rights of activists, whistleblowers and others engaged in peaceful civil disobedience because of our conviction that such activity is often necessary in a democracy to highlight injustice and promote positive social change. I write to express my concern about the prosecution of Jeremy Hammond and the disproportionate sentence the government will likely request in his case and to urge you to consider the lightest sentence available, of time served.

I do not dispute the fact that Jeremy Hammond violated the law. However, the law he violated, the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA), 18 U.S.C. § 1830, in this case and others, has been used to criminalize conduct beyond its originally contemplated purpose. The CFAA was drafted in order to address and deter self-interested or malicious hacking or theft of computer services and systems, however, it has become increasingly used – and in our view, abused – by federal prosecutors in order to target socially-conscious activists who choose to leak sensitive information to media organizations in an effort to highlight corporate or government wrongdoing.

There can be little doubt that Mr. Hammond acted for political purposes, not for financial gain or with venal intent. He leaked information to the media in the interest of greater transparency for the American public on the issue of unlawful surveillance by corporations. For this act of conscience, he has already endured nineteen months of pre-trial detention.

In the wake of the tragic death of Aaron Swartz, another young transparency advocate and gifted computer programmer prosecuted under the CFAA, Reps. Lofgren and Sensenbrenner introduced a bipartisan bill earlier this year to address some of the flaws in this law, including vague definitions that lend themselves to dangerous misinterpretations and over-prosecution, and the heavy-handed sentencing scheme that is being applied to Hammond's case. Their concerns echo those of a larger legal and political community concerned with how socially-minded activists like Hammond and Swartz are subject to heavy-handed and intimidating federal prosecutions.

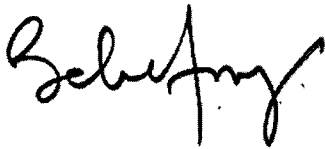
We recognize it is beyond the court's power to limit such prosecutions the Justice Department seeks to bring under the statute, but it is within the Court's discretion to limit the severe punishment the government seeks to employ accompanying its prosecutions to silence socially-conscious activists like Mr. Hammond.

Punishment for Hammond's illegal accessing of Stratfor's sensitive information should be proportionate with his moral impetus to expose Stratfor's wrongdoing. Three of Hammond's co-defendants were already sentenced for the same conduct in the U.K, and their jail sentences are shorter than what Hammond has already served in pre-trial detention.

Given the nature and context of his violation, Mr. Hammond has suffered enough. We respectfully urge you to impose a sentence of time served.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Baher Azmy

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October 24, 2013

The Honorable Loretta A. Preska, Chief Judge  
United States Courthouse  
Southern District of New York  
Courtroom 12A  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Re: Sentencing of Jeremy Hammond

Dear Judge Preska:

I am the President Emeritus of the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR). Along with CCR I represent WikiLeaks and Julian Assange. I strongly endorse the reasoning and the conclusions in the letter from the CCR recommending that Mr. Hammond be given no more than time served. I write to add some additional reasons.

WikiLeaks as well as numerous other publishers and journalists have published important stories based on documents that were obtained from Stratfor (Strategic Forecasting Inc.) by Mr. Hammond. Those documents for the first time gave the American people and others in the world a picture of the malevolent part that private intelligence corporations play in surveillance of legally and constitutionally protected activities and the activists involved. This is a role that they often appear to do hand in glove with our own or other governments. In my legal career I have often attempted to rein in government spying and surveillance. As an attorney with CCR I have sued the FBI, CIA, NSA and other government entities numerous times. The Stratfor documents have now given us the understanding that the private intelligence companies may be a bigger problem for civil liberties than our own government and it is those companies we ought to be suing as well.

The documents showed that Stratfor employed a network of paid informants including government officials and journalists who carried out this work. They also showed us the corruption of officials, serious wrongdoing by corporations and efforts to spy on if not suppress dissent. Despite the revelations in the Stratfor documents I am aware of no efforts by my own government or governments anywhere in the world to investigate much less prosecute those who engaged in this illegal conduct. I raise this to point out the injustice and hypocrisy in prosecuting Mr. Hammond, a person committed to revealing this wrongdoing, while doing nothing to get at those who may have committed the very crimes he brought to light. It may be that those who engage in civil disobedience and whistleblowing against injustices often face the wrath of the state, but that does not mean it is right and just to punish them and certainly not to do so severely. Oftentimes, as years go by they become our society's heroes.

In years of litigating cases involving surveillance, torture, renditions and war crimes against our government (as well as some private corporations), we are often met with claims by the government that the lawsuits cannot continue because the matters concern state secrets. Cases are routinely dismissed for this reason and the truth is neither revealed nor is the legality of the conduct litigated. This trend of dismissal of cases on state secrets grounds has been increasing and it is fair to say that the illegal acts of our government and the private security and intelligence companies that work with it are increasingly hidden from the American public and world. In fact, litigation against the government is no longer a path to the truth or justice. It is for this reason that truth tellers like Mr. Hammond have become more and more important in insuring that people know what their government and private intelligence companies are doing in their names. It is the case that Mr. Hammond has pleaded guilty to violation the law, but the greater crime is keeping from us knowledge, particularly of criminality, that ought to be public and prosecuted. Truth tellers are always necessary in a society. Sadly, now, they are more necessary than ever.



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Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
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October 14, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I write to you in the hope that you will take a compassionate approach to the sentencing of Jeremy Hammond. I am an Associate Professor of Philosophy at UMASS Dartmouth. For a decade I have been teaching courses on Ethics, Technology and the Internet, and courses in my area of scholarly specialization, Ancient Greek Philosophy. I am aware that Jeremy has pled guilty to the charges against him—violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. I am also aware that he has pled guilty as an act of Civil Disobedience. You are in the position of reconciling Jeremy's violation of the law with the full context of the case, which includes this intention. Leniency in sentencing is, in my view, an appropriate reconciliation. While I believe that the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act is a problematic piece of legislation, the matter before you is not overturning this law but overseeing its implementation in a specific instance. A young person's life and the direction it will take in the future is on the line.

Jeremy's political activism, often called "hacktivism," is a new context in which Civil Disobedience has emerged with respect to technology in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Breaking into computer systems may seem an unlikely method of activism, however the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act is unhelpful in distinguishing between those breaking the law for illegal profit and those breaking the law without any profit as their aim—those whose goal is to reveal highly problematic, secret conspiratorial activities. Jeremy's case is one of the latter types of cases. Personal, illegal profit was neither his motive nor goal. Revealing the truth about a private surveillance and intelligence firm, Stratfor (Strategic Forecasting), was. Jeremy has admitted guilt to what amounts to "breaking and entering" in order to release such information to the public. People may disagree about whether or not the public ought to know about the workings of private intelligence firms. Jeremy clearly believes that *the public ought to know*—herein lies his *moral motivation* and the core of his Civil Disobedience. I wish to assure you that this is an authentic instance of Civil Disobedience. I believe you would be wholly justified in determining a sentence that does not level Jeremy with genuine criminals.

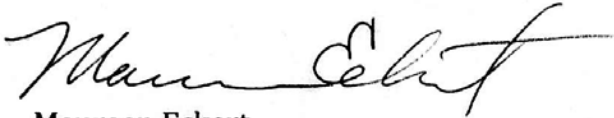
Jeremy did not act alone, and I hope that you consider the international context in which his co-defendants have been treated in their respective countries. His Irish co-defendants will not be prosecuted at all and those already convicted in



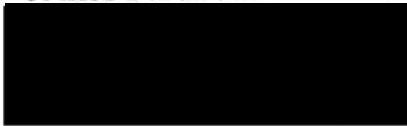
the United Kingdom will not spend more than 16 months in prison. These other countries take computer fraud no less seriously than we do in the United States. The Computer Fraud and Abuse Act should not, I believe, force harsher penalties upon our citizens, particularly Jeremy Hammond. He has stood by his moral convictions and now faces the consequences of breaking the law. My hope is that you find it perfectly within reason to sentence Jeremy with leniency. There is public support for your making such a sentencing decision—you, too, would not stand alone just as Jeremy does not stand alone.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Maureen Eckert  
Associate Professor, Philosophy Department  
UMASS Dartmouth





Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 14, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I am an individual and radio operator who was a subscriber & customer of Stratfor Incorporated at the time of their computer break-in. In this case, I am aware that Jeremy Hammond has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act regarding the computer break-in of Stratfor Incorporated. I am writing this letter to ask that Jeremy Hammond be treated with compassion and leniency. The reasons I am asking for compassion are as follows; His break-in of the Stratfor computers was clearly a political protest that ultimately showed he had no intent to profit from data uncovered by his actions. I am relieved that this computer break-in was quickly made public because it would of been devastating to Stratfor and myself if the attack was done by a foreign entity or a criminal organization who would of kept the computer break-in secret, possibly using the data for nefarious purposes. In my opinion, no long term harm or damage has resulted to Stratfor Inc. or myself. Lastly, the computer break-in was a catalyst for Stratfor, its customers, including myself to utilize better computer security practices.

I understand Jeremy has been incarcerated since his arrest. His co-defendants in Ireland and the United Kingdom have been sentenced to terms of 16 months in prison or less for their participation in this criminal act. His imprisonment is a cloud that will shadow Stratfor and its customers until he is finally released. It is important that Jeremy Hammond be shown compassion and leniency, thus allowing all concerned parties to move forward, including Jeremy regarding his own rehabilitation.

I thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Anthony C. Arthur



Honorable Loretta A. Preska, Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 13, 2013

Dear Judge Preska,

We are the Yes Men, a team of filmmaker-activists who use satire to raise awareness of important social issues. The case of Mr. Jeremy Hammond is highly compelling to us because he is a man whose righteous intentions are the same as those which fuel our own efforts to improve our communities and the world. We're aware that Mr. Hammond pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, and we are writing Your Honor to ask that he should be treated with compassion, in light of his intensely humanistic, nonviolent, open-hearted intentions.

It is distressing to us that he faces such repercussions for taking actions that were meant only to bring positive change. His co-defendants in the UK will either not be prosecuted or will serve minimal sentences, which seems just. The sentences associated with the CFAA seem grossly disproportionate, and would seem to give corporations greater protections than people -- people who may be subjected to surveillance by private corporations such as Stratfor, as we were.

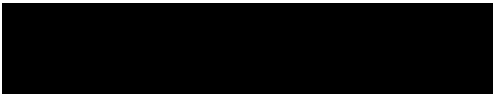
We implore Your Honor to treat Mr. Hammond with compassion, in consideration of his purely moral intentions, his strongly evident compassion and sense of social justice, and the obviously significant fact that he had no financial motivations whatsoever.

Sincerely,



Andy Bichlbaum and Mike Bonanno

The Yes Men



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

15 October 2013

Honorable Judge Preska:

My name is Azzurra Crispino, and I am an Associate Professor of Philosophy at a major Central Texas Community College. I primarily teach Ethics. I was involved in Occupy Austin, and have been corresponding with Mr. Jeremy Hammond during his incarceration. I understand that Mr. Hammond has pled guilty of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. I am writing today to implore you to treat Jeremy with leniency and compassion in his sentencing.

In the year or so that I have been corresponding with Mr. Hammond, I have found him to be a compassionate, self-possessed young man who is intent on making our society better through revealing corruption. His methods may have been inadvisable, but his motivations were to make our society more just. He did not profit from these actions, nor did he attempt to use the information revealed in the hack for personal or monetary gain. I believe these factors make him an ideal candidate for leniency.

Mr. Hammond's crime impacted me personally, in the sense that it gave me direct proof that I, as well as other peaceful protestors, were being infiltrated. One direct result of the crime Mr. Hammond committed was to reveal that Occupy Austin had an undercover Department of Public Safety agent who was also giving information to Stratfor, a private information gathering company. In the emails that were released by the hack, it was revealed that this DPS agent had been gathering information on a Deep Green Resistance group within Occupy Austin. I find this remarkable, because the self-identified Deep Green Resistance members and their desire to start a commune was something that only occurred for a few days in the beginning of the occupation of City Hall. Many members of Occupy Austin were not even aware that these persons were around because their influence was so brief. To me, that implies that the DPS undercover work was extensive, as they were aware of elements of the movement so minute that active members of the organization themselves may have missed.

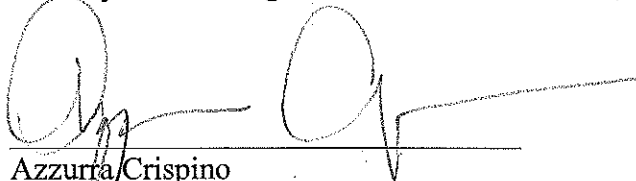
As much as I understand that Mr. Hammond was wrong to break the law and compromise those servers, I also believe that he provided an invaluable service to the Occupy Austin activist community, as well as others, by giving us concrete proof we were being subjected to surveillance. This is especially important in Austin, because there were several activists who were charged with felonies for their part in a peaceful protest at the Houston Port that occurred on December 7<sup>th</sup> 2012. The reason they were charged with felonies is because of the use of "dragon sleeves" which were viewed as a criminal device, and were provided to Occupy Austin activists by an undercover Austin Police

Department Narcotics Officer named Shannon Dowell. Although this undercover surveillance was uncovered during the legal defense of the activists and not by Mr. Hammond's actions, the information revealed in the so-called Stratfor hack made it easier for us to accept the extent to which law enforcement was actively involved in undermining our peaceful protest movement.

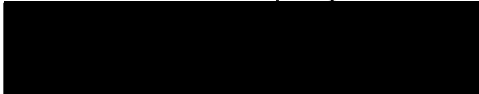
In "Letter from Birmingham Jail", Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. writes:  
"[o]ne who breaks an unjust law must do so openly, lovingly, and with a willingness to accept the penalty. I submit that an individual who breaks a law that conscience tells him is unjust, and who willingly accepts the penalty of imprisonment in order to arouse the conscience of the community over its injustice, is in reality expressing the highest respect for law". Mr. Hammond's actions reflect Dr. King's sentiments in this passage. His purpose in compromising those servers was to highlight the extent to which immoral and possibly illegal surveillance and entrapment were occurring throughout many Occupy movements around the country. I believe Mr. Hammond broke the law in the service of a higher principle. He is ready to accept his punishment lovingly and willingly. I am begging you to please ease his burden, especially in light of the light on corruption shed by his actions.

I urge you to be lenient and compassionate when sentencing Jeremy Hammond.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter,



Azzurra Crispino  
Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 11, 2013

Dear Judge Preska,

I do human rights work on behalf of the Baloch people in Pakistan and learned of Jeremy Hammond's case by way of the hyperactive twitter account of the hacker named Sabu.

While a handful of journalists have covered the extrajudicial abductions and killings in Balochistan, human rights activists labored under the impression that world and US officials were largely unaware of the situation in Balochistan—until the Wikileaks revelations showed otherwise. And with the Stratfor leaks, we were offered a glimpse of just how widespread the knowledge is of the strife in Balochistan.

I do not know Jeremy personally, but many activists were following the hactivists on twitter because they appeared to be politically motivated by a desire to change the world for the better. And in our case, because the UN, world leaders and even several high-profile human rights organizations failed to publicly address the dire situation in Balochistan, urge any investigations or attempt to influence the behavior of the Pakistan military and its agencies, we paid attention to their activities on the off chance that further hactivist revelations might reveal what had happened to the disappeared and those responsible for the disappearances of Baloch activists. At the time I knew of a case in which a Pakistani national living in Pakistan was warned by diplomats of a threat against his life, so it seemed to me that there is no lack of information regarding what the reality on the ground is—it just had to be uncovered.

Indeed, prior to Sabu so famously disappearing with the literary flourish, "The greatest trick the devil ever pulled was convincing the world he did not exist and like that...he is gone," a mother whose son had been abducted in Balochistan had penned an open letter to the website [crisisbalochistan.com](http://crisisbalochistan.com) stating, "Maybe these hackers will uncover information that will reveal to us if our children are alive or dead."

It is against this background that I attended two of Jeremy's hearings in New York. I was chagrined by the possibility that a bright young man whose motivations were seemingly altruistic could face so much time in prison for his actions. And because that particular hack revealed to Baloch activists that their pleas and case had, in fact, reached the attention of many people in a position to actually address the issues, it had been beneficial to that particular human rights cause.

I am aware that Jeremy pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act and I am also aware that Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland and the United Kingdom have either been released or are serving relatively short sentences. In sentencing Jeremy Hammond, I respectfully request that you grant him leniency. I understand his acts were born of compassion and politically motivated—not financial—and were undertaken as acts of civil disobedience. It is my sincere hope that Jeremy will be released with a sentence of time served.

Respectfully,



Wendy Johnson





ALEXA D. O'BRIEN

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

**October 15, 2013**

Dear Judge Preska:

I am an American journalist. My work has been published in The Guardian (UK), The Daily Beast, and Salon.com. My recent work covering the Chelsea (formerly Bradley) Manning's court martial was shortlisted for the 2013 Martha Gellhorn Prize for Journalism in the UK.

Please consider Jeremy Hammond's act in light of its true political nature as civil disobedience and show leniency towards him when making your sentencing determination.

The disproportionate sentences associated with the CFAA and the protection the CFAA affords corporations is greater than those it affords to individuals, who may be subjected to surveillance by private corporations like Stratfor. Hammond's co-defendants in Ireland will not be prosecuted and in the UK those who are already convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison.

Stratfor emails revealed that private security contractors with ties to the US Government were

The emails were part of a number of submissions I made in Hedges versus Obama, a lawsuit filed in the Southern District of New York against the indefinite detention clause of the 2012 National Defense Authorization Act.

Judge Katherine Forrest ruled that my submissions and testimony illustrated that I had a credible fear concerning Section 1021(b)(2) of the 2012 NDAA, which allows for the indefinite detention without charges or trial of anyone who are deemed to be terrorists or 'terrorist sympathizers'.

Forrest permanently enjoined Section 1021(b)(2) in September 2012. The 2nd Circuit recently overturned her decision. We are making application to the Supreme Court.

Sincerely,

*Alexa O'Brien*



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 10, 2013

Dear Judge Preska,

I am an American Journalist living and working in Bhopal, India. I am writing to you today to humbly ask for you to consider being lenient when sentencing Jeremy Hammond. In Bhopal, I have been covering The Bhopal Disaster. You may have heard about this tragedy. A deadly gas leak in an American-owned factory left 2,800 people immediately in 1984, and thousands more would die in the years to come. I can tell you some of the stories I've heard: survivors of the disaster who lost their husband and all their children, stories of people literally falling over corpses as they run for their lives the night that the gas leaked from the factory. Or the long 29 years it's been since as they've tried to seek justice and compensation for the disaster that has left many survivors and their children and their grandchildren with health problems, including birth defects and cancer.

At first glance, this may sound off-topic but it is directly related to the case of Jeremy Hammond. Jeremy Hammond's leaks uncovered that Dow Chemical has been hiring people to spy on activists working around The Bhopal Disaster. These activists want nothing but justice for the people who have died and for those who continue to be affected by the Disaster that happened almost thirty years ago. Dow Chemical spied on them to try to subvert their efforts and continues to try and subvert their efforts because they do not want to compensate for the disaster.

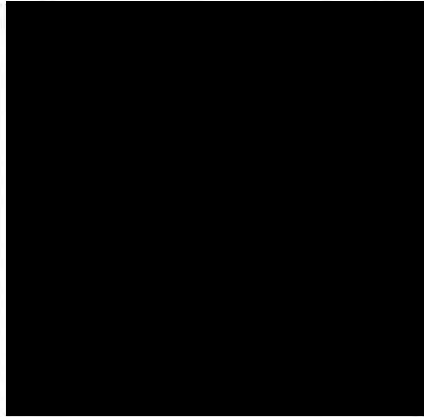
I am writing to you for myself, for the lawyers, activists, researchers, doctors, boys and girls, women and men, in Bhopal who deserve to know the truth, who appreciate what Jeremy Hammond revealed and who are only asking for justice and to survive.

Jeremy Hammond did not leak the documents for any monetary or individual gain. He leaked the documents as a political act of civil disobedience. His co-defendants are facing significantly less prison time than Jeremy, or no prison time at all. In Ireland, they won't even be prosecuted. There is no doubt that Jeremy Hammond broke the law. For this, he has pled guilty. But there is doubt as to whether his crime deserves 10 years in prison.

Judge Preska, I am asking humbly that you show compassion and leniency when sentencing Jeremy Hammond on November 15. For his act of civil disobedience, he has spent enough time behind bars.

Sincerely,

Raven Rakia  
Freelance Journalist, Filmmaker  
University of Pennsylvania  
B.A. in Economics, Urban Studies



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raven Rakia".

October 13, 2013

To: The Law Office of Susan G. Kellman  
25 Eight Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York 11217

From: Chris Hedges

Re: Sentencing of Jeremy Hammond

I would like to add my voice to the voices of many who hope the court would not impose the maximum penalty of ten years for Jeremy Hammond. The condition of his incarceration, as well as a prison term of this magnitude, is not justifiable given the offense he committed.

I worked for fifteen years as a foreign correspondent for The New York Times. I was part of the team of investigative reporters who won a Pulitzer Prize in 2002 for our coverage of global terrorism. I was, before being on the investigative team, the Balkan Bureau Chief and Middle East Bureau Chief for the paper. I have published eleven books, three of which were New Times best sellers. I have taught at Columbia University, New York University, Princeton University and The University of Toronto.

I was in charge of covering Al Qaeda in Europe and the Middle East, based at the time in Paris, for the New York Times after the attack of 9/11. In my capacity as an investigative journalist into the world of global terrorism I frequently was in possession of very sensitive classified information leaked to me officials within a variety of intelligence agencies I worked with, including the counter-terrorism units of the French and Spanish governments. I published numerous stories that made use of this information. Not all of my stories pleased the U.S. government. The information Mr. Hammond purportedly leaked was of very minor significance given the information I handled routinely. Furthermore, given that Mr. Hammond did not seek to profit personally from this information and given that he is a first time offender it seems to me the court owes him the benefit of the doubt in terms of sentencing.

I hope you will offer him the leniency I and many other journalists feel he deserves.

Yours

  
Chris Hedges

# national lawyers guild

*"An organization of lawyers, law students, legal workers, and jailhouse lawyers... in the service of the people, to the end that human rights shall be regarded as more sacred than property interests."* Preamble to the NLG Constitution

October 15, 2013

The Honorable Loretta A. Preska, Chief Judge  
United States Courthouse  
Southern District of New York  
Courtroom 12A  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Preska,

I write on behalf of the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) to ask you to show judicial leniency in his upcoming sentencing. I've met with Mr. Hammond on several occasions over the past year, have established a close relationship with him, and am quite familiar with cases involving the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA). I believe him to be an honorable and idealistic young man who has a lot to contribute to society.

Mr. Hammond reminds me of other altruistic individuals who respond to social inequities and elect to engage in acts of civil disobedience as a means of educating the public about pressing issues of the day. In my capacity as executive director of the NLG I come into contact with hundreds of similarly principled Americans who are frustrated with the many problems facing modern society, and who are willing to engage in acts designed to draw attention to social and political inequities.

I believe that Mr. Hammond has had chance to reflect on his actions and as a result has matured greatly during his period of incarceration. I do not believe that additional prison time would serve any societal benefit.

Thank you for exercising judicial discretion and for considering a lenient sentence of time served for Mr. Hammond.

Sincerely,



Heidi Boghosian  
Executive Director

75 Years of Law for the People

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

9 October 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Nigel Parry. I am a freelance journalist and web designer. I live and work in Saint Paul, Minnesota, for clients that have included the United Nations, the City of Pittsburgh, and a number of US nonprofit, media and educational institutions. I have seen my web and journalism work win two awards—the UK charity sector trade paper Charity Times' "Best Use Of The Web" award and the U.S. American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee's "Voices of Peace" award.

While I am not personally acquainted with Jeremy Hammond, I have followed his case closely as part of my ongoing research into Internet policy and freedom, and how computer crime is addressed in the criminal justice system. I was also a Stratfor subscriber at the time of its hacking—my email address and password were among those released on the Internet.

I am aware that Jeremy Hammond has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act and I imagine one of the factors that he will be sentenced on will be the alleged damages caused to Stratfor. The criminal complaint for Jeremy Hammond [REDACTED]

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Stratfor's losses cite the following four areas:

1. costs and damages associated with responding to the hack
2. costs and damages associated with conducting a damage assessment
3. costs and damages associated with restoring or attempting to restore its computer systems and the data stored on them to their condition before the hack.
4. lost revenue... including because of the inoperability of its website

While the losses described in points 1 and 2 would have been incurred as the result of any hack, I would like to draw your attention to the losses described in points 3 and 4. These losses, I strongly believe, were both foreseeable and preventable—and resulted from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's use of Stratfor's computer systems as bait to catch the hacker/s for the period of approximately three weeks, while the hacking continued.

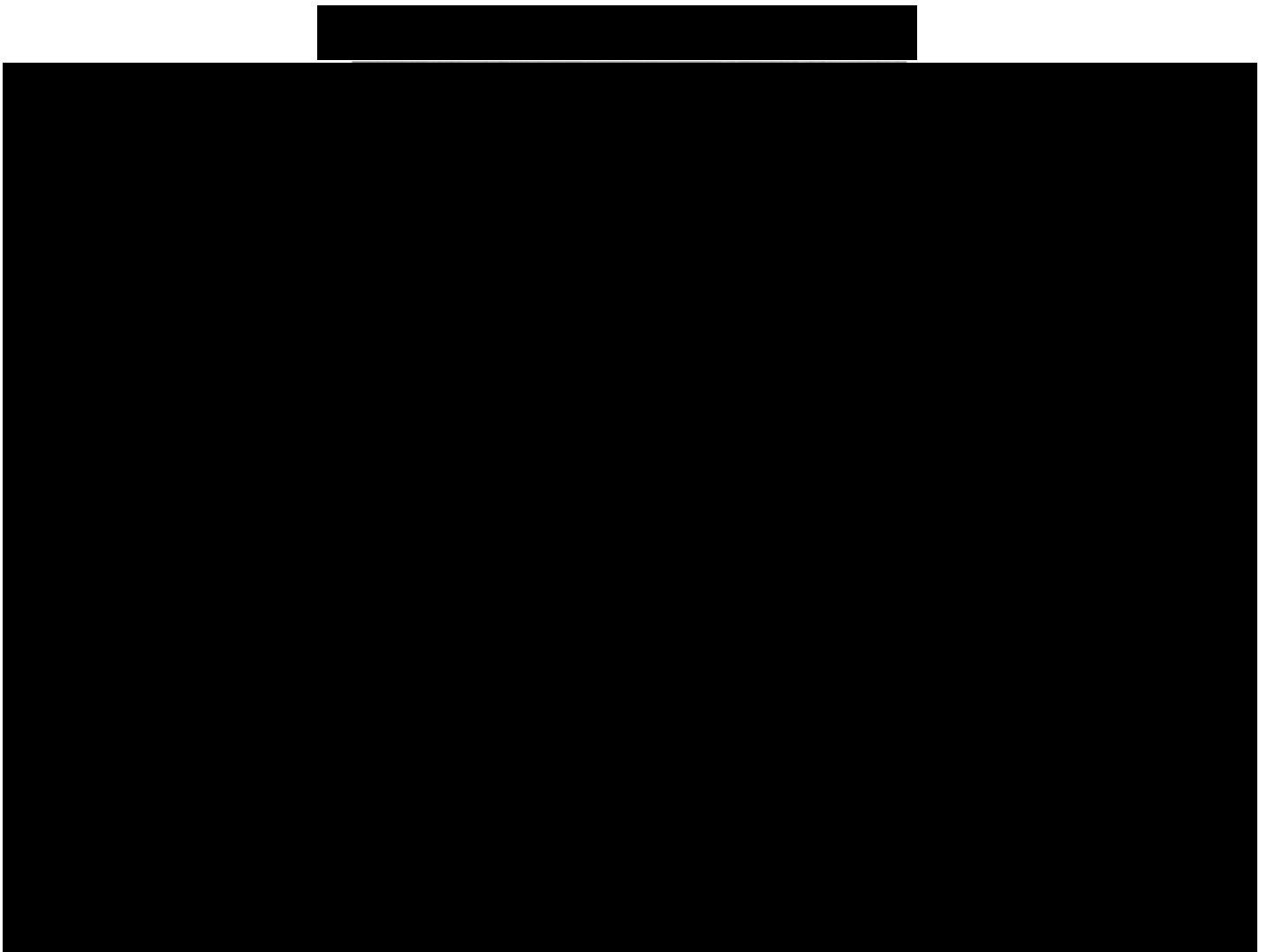
In the FBI's own narrative of the hack, detailed in the original criminal complaint, a number of chat logs are cited that allow us to build a timeline of the hack. Just as Rome was not built in a day, neither was Stratfor hacked in a day. It took at least three weeks. Key dates in the timeline follow below.



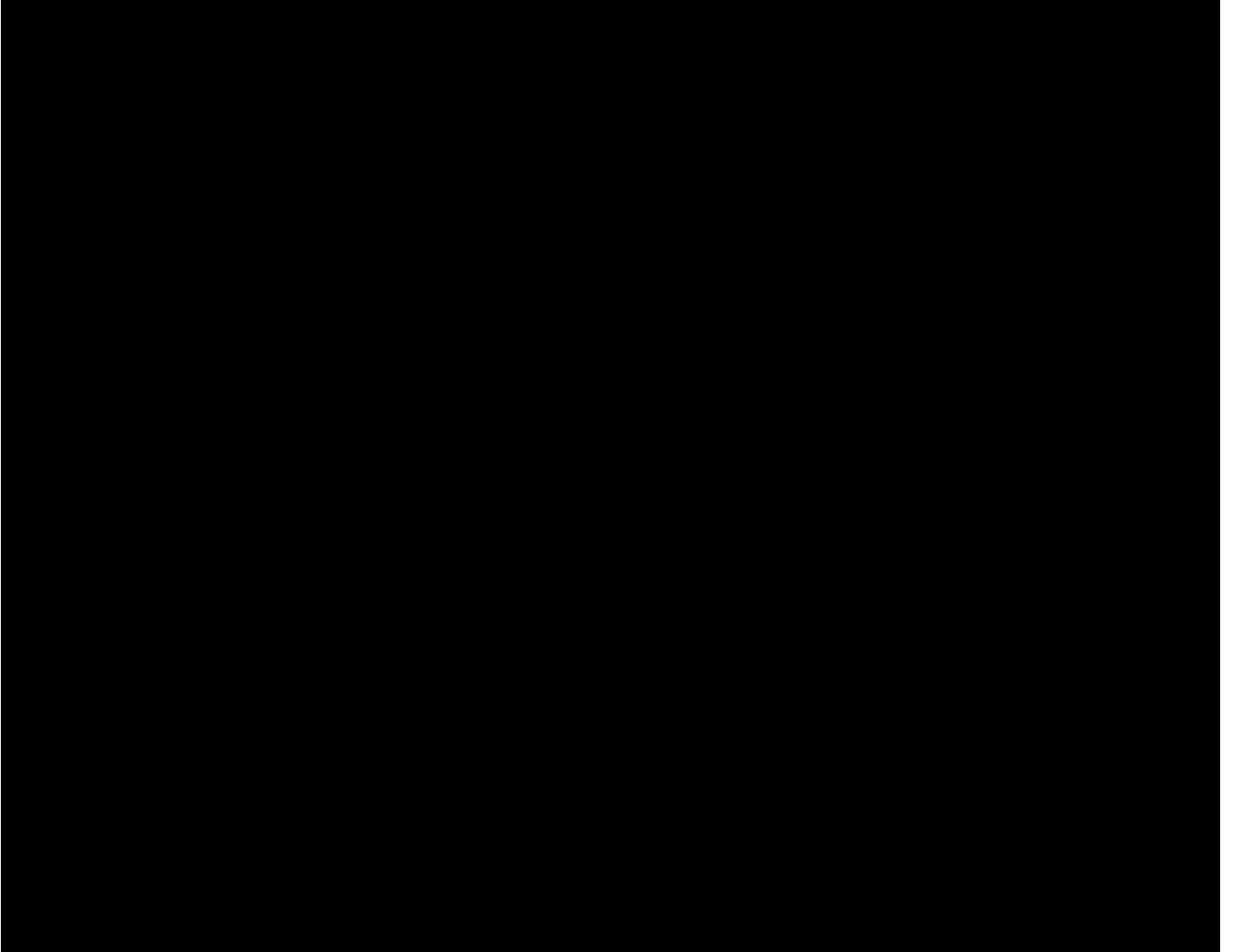
**December 6th, 2011** - Stratfor hacked but Hammond still in the process of gaining access to systems, according to chat logs:



December 13th-14th, 2011 - Email exfiltration described as ongoing in chat logs:



December 19th, 2011 - Email exfiltration described as ongoing in chat logs:



We also learn from this section of the criminal complaint that Stratfor's e-mails totaled 200GB of data, with an additional 30GB of documents stored on an e-mail attachment or intranet server named "Clearspace".

The sizes are significant. 230GB is a sizable amount of data, enough to take days to transfer to another server. Hacking into a computer system may potentially take only a few minutes but moving this quantity of data takes time, even with decent bandwidth. One internet company, doyenz.com, estimates that on a 10Mbps connection (comparable to home broadband), 200GB would take 2.6 days to move from one server to another. Source: [www.doyenz.com/rCloud/faq#GS7](http://www.doyenz.com/rCloud/faq#GS7) All while the FBI watched.

**December 24th, 2011** - Wiping of servers and backup data:



The relevance of this timeline is highlighted in a blog post by Stratfor CEO George Friedman, found at [www.stratfor.com/weekly/hack-stratfor](http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/hack-stratfor). In this blog post, Mr. Friedman describes that he was notified by the FBI about the first instance of hacking in "early December". The blog post opens:

In early December I received a call from Fred Burton, Stratfor's vice president of intelligence. He told me he had received information indicating our website had been hacked and our customer credit card and other information had been stolen. The following morning I met with an FBI special agent, who made clear that there was an ongoing investigation and asked for our cooperation. We, of course, agreed to cooperate.

Now that we know, with hindsight after the various Lulzsec arrests, that Hector Xavier Monsegur aka "Sabu" was "CW-1" in the original Hammond complaint, we can turn to the March 6th, 2012 FOX News report that broke the news that Monsegur was working with the FBI and detailing his work relationship, "EXCLUSIVE: Inside LulzSec, a mastermind turns on his minions":

On Aug. 15, 2011, Monsegur pleaded guilty to more than ten charges relating to his hacking activity. In the following few weeks, he worked almost daily out of FBI offices, helping the feds identify and ultimately take down the other high-level members of LulzSec and Anonymous, sources said. In time, his

handlers allowed him to work from the home from which he previously wrought destruction, using a PC laptop provided by the FBI.

[...]

Sabu was online between 8 and 16 hours a day, often sleeping during the day and working throughout the night, watching YouTube videos as he worked for the FBI. Monitoring software on his government-issued laptop allowed the feds to see what he did in real time. The FBI has had an agent watching his online activity 24 hours a day, officials said.

[...]

Sabu and his FBI handlers also disseminated false information to the public and hacker community—often through Twitter, sometimes through unsuspecting reporters who thought they’d landed an online interview with the notorious hacker. Their correspondence was sometimes directly with agents. More often it was with Sabu acting on strict guidance from the agents sitting with him, reading his every word.

Source: [www.foxnews.com/tech/2012/03/06/exclusive-inside-lulzsec-mastermind-turns-on-his-minions/](http://www.foxnews.com/tech/2012/03/06/exclusive-inside-lulzsec-mastermind-turns-on-his-minions/)

This makes it absolutely clear that FBI agents had full control of Monsegur’s online activities 24/7.

The facts of the matter are as follows.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, which had full control of Monsegur, knew of the Stratfor hack as early as December 6th, 2011, and told Stratfor in “early December”—presumably almost immediately.

While credit card and subscriber information had indeed already been stolen from Stratfor's network by December 6th, the company's emails were not fully copied for another 1-2 weeks, and its servers and backups were not deleted for another 18 days. Both of these losses were foreseeable and easily preventable.

At any point during the downloading of the 230GB of emails during this 1-2 week period, the data being copied from the server could have been cut off and protected from theft by simply severing the connection between the e-mail server and the Internet—essentially as easy as pulling a plug or flicking a switch. This would have ensured that Stratfor's emails would not have been stolen, made public, or passed to the transparency publishing organization Wikileaks.

Along the same lines, it appears that—despite knowing about the ongoing hacking of their network for approximately 18 days—Stratfor saw fit not to make even one *offline backup* of their data (i.e. a backup that could not be deleted by anyone hacking their network connected to the Internet), which would have not prevented the theft of data on servers still connected to the Internet but would have left Stratfor with no data loss. This would have meant that Stratfor's website, which was down for at least one month, could have been restored in a day or two—had they had a backup.

One can only surmise, from its apparent lack of proactive risk mitigation, that Stratfor was told by the FBI to step back and take no action, in order to let the FBI “investigate” and catch the hacker. As the FBI watched an ongoing hack—in real time for three weeks, both from the vantage point of the hackers' chat rooms and from within Stratfor's own network—they would have known exactly what data was being extracted. This was being discussed in the chat rooms where the FBI's Monsegur was present, and the FBI experts with access to Stratfor's network would have been able to see the data flow in the Stratfor network.

For the Federal Bureau of Investigation to use a multi-million dollar American company as bait to catch a single person—ultimately sacrificing all of Stratfor's private data—seems a grossly disproportionate and incredibly risky approach to fighting computer crime that utterly fails to



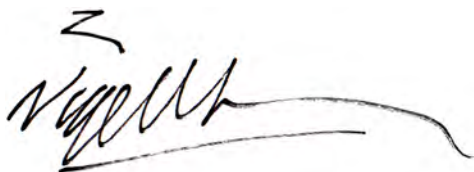
protect the victim of the ongoing crime. It is the equivalent of the front door of your house being broken into, and the police asking you not to shut or fix it for three weeks, while they watch the criminals return, time and time again, to take more and more of your property. No one should be asked to do that.

Stratfor may indeed have been hacked by Jeremy Hammond but a large proportion of the costs, damages and losses it subsequently suffered were the inevitable result of the FBI's instructions to Stratfor to "cooperate" with their investigation. This particular brand of hands-off "cooperation" resulted in foreseeable damages at a cost that no American company should be asked to bear by an American law enforcement agency—again, all for the sake of catching a single person.

Jeremy Hammond should not be held accountable for Stratfor's costs, damages or losses that resulted from a law enforcement tactic that takes no responsibility for the damage it causes to the victims of crime. This sets a worrying precedent of giving the FBI *carte blanche* to leverage victims of crime into taking actions that ultimately harm them more than the original crime would have.

Jeremy Hammond has already spent more than a year and a half in jail, while Lulzsec members in the UK have already finished their sentences. I ask you to show leniency to Jeremy Hammond based on the obvious conclusion—from the evidence above—that many of Stratfor's losses could have been prevented if the FBI had not themselves sacrificed Stratfor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nigel Parry", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nigel Parry

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October 14, 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Preska:

Greetings, Your Honor. I write to you on behalf of Jeremy Hammond. I am a professor of philosophy at Emporia State University, in Emporia, Kansas. I regularly teach Introduction to Ethics and Political Philosophy courses, and the issues involved in Jeremy Hammond’s case go straight to the core ideas of those classes. Furthermore, as a public servant, a member of the academy, and finally as a concerned and politically active citizen, the issues his case brings to light have a direct impact on me. Though I am well aware that Jeremy Hammond pled guilty to violating the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, I believe his sentencing should be made in view of his altruistic motives and the great public service he has carried out.

It is important to note that Jeremy Hammond was not involved in the first hack into Strategic Forecasting, Inc. (Stratfor), which one could argue was a show of bravado; instead, his hack was motivated by a concern for what the public does not know about the activities of its own government and the corporations which, while serving ostensibly at our government’s behest, troublingly fall outside of the government’s tools for proper oversight (however flawed those tools may currently be).

The information released by Mr. Hammond’s actions reveals—as he suspected—numerous aspects of an extremely troubling reality.

- 1.) Stratfor e-mails reveal that Stratfor is willing to leak classified files to other companies in order to assist them in attacking their perceived enemies in the public (in this case, Stratfor told Coca-Cola that it could provide them with a classified dossier on People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals). Many people are currently threatened with years of jail time for leaking classified files while trying to inform the public, whereas Stratfor is willing to distribute classified files—not, it should be noted, to the public or for the public good, but instead in secret, to allow large corporations to quash public discussion of their behavior by disabling journalists and activists.
- 2.) Thanks to Jeremy Hammond, the public has also learned that Stratfor was spying for other companies such as Dow Chemical, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, and Raytheon to provide dossiers on their

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perceived enemies. Stratfor assisted Dow Chemical, for example, in trying to avoid pressure from the public for it to give medical payments to victims of the chemical disaster in Bhopal, India (in which hundreds of thousands were permanently injured), by monitoring not only the activist group The Yes Men, but also faculty and student organizations at US campuses. This means that I myself, as an academic, am potentially in the crosshairs of these attempts to control what the public knows. The fact that bodies of higher education are considered “targets” for surveillance by Stratfor’s corporate clients, also raises the important question, how much are US government agencies taking part in this targeting of educational institutions to stifle their discussions? It is thanks to Jeremy Hammond that these important issues can be discussed at all, and that we have at least the basis for pursuing a much-needed public inquiry into these associations.


3.) Furthermore, the e-mails reveal that Stratfor was preparing to engage in insider trading by means of the intelligence it had acquired through its espionage program. It is hard to believe that the public—or for that matter the proper government authority—could be informed of these flagrant abuses unless Jeremy Hammond had made this information available to the public.


4.) Finally, Stratfor’s attacks on activists—revealed by Jeremy Hammond—provide one more piece of evidence that private intelligence firms are carrying out a larger attack on investigative journalism and an informed public. Numerous private intelligence firms which work with national security agencies see the wider public as a legitimate target for PSYOPS (public disinformation campaigns). Other leaks have revealed, for instance, that the intelligence company Palantir specifically named the journalist Glenn Greenwald (a writer for the New York branch of the *Guardian* newspaper), as the target of a campaign to discredit him, in order to divert public attention from his reporting. These attacks on journalism and activism are especially concerning insofar as they cut at a core root of functioning democracy, namely, an informed public, a root specifically protected in the Bill of Rights. Again, insofar as I aspire to be an informed member of the public, I too am directly impacted by these public disinformation campaigns.

Not only was Jeremy Hammond acting on good intentions, but these revelations make it clear that his well-intentioned hunches were right: Stratfor was engaged in numerous egregious attacks on the public good, and, it appears, engaged in preparing numerous violations of the law. Given that Jeremy Hammond risked so much in order to provide information to further the public good, and furthermore exposed numerous apparently criminal activities on the part of Stratfor, I believe that his sentencing should take these crucial facts into account. He should therefore be sentenced to the minimum possible degree.

I thank you, Your Honor, for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

  
Charles Emmer



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I am writing to ask you to exercise leniency in the case of Jeremy Hammond.

As a co-founder of Purpose, a leading consultancy at the intersection of technology and politics, I have spent the last four years working with committed advocates who use technology to help create the world we want. Purpose partners with individuals and organizations who are pioneering new forms of political participation and social engagement to create significant efforts to fight global inequality, eliminate nuclear weapons, change our food culture and secure LGBT rights. All of these movements are built on access to a free and open Internet, and any threat to that is a threat to progress.

In a post Wiki-Leaks world we are seeing Governments and powerful corporations desperately cracking down on freedom of the Internet. One of the clearest expressions of this has been America's over-zealous use of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA) used to prosecute our best and brightest technologists such as Aaron Swartz, who was a dear and personal friend, and sat on our Advisory Board. It is now being used against Jeremy Hammond and I fear we will repeat the same mistakes with this wonderful young man.

We cannot continue to abuse the CFAA to punish some of our leading lights who are committed to informing citizens about the activities of their government and corporations. Especially when their actions are purely political with no personal financial gain, as in Jeremy's case. Imagine if we imposed these types of sentences – normally reserved for some of the most egregious crimes – for acts civil disobedience for the anti-war protesters in the 1960s. Especially if a primary aim of those sentences was to protect corporate interests. What kind of America would we be living in now?

I hope you agree with me, and indeed our generation, the protection the CFAA affords to corporations is greater than those it affords to individuals, who may be subjected to surveillance by private corporations such as Stratfor. I hope you take these concerns into account when you make your decision.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alnoor Ladha".

Alnoor Ladha

Founding Partner, Purpose; Co-founder, The Rules; Board Member, Greenpeace USA

ADDRESS:

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

DATE: October 13th, 2013

GREETING: Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Matt Wilder. I work in the technology field as a Senior Site Reliability Engineer employed at Google. My career in the computing world has revolved around information security in many ways. In my current position I am responsible for security and reliability of the worlds largest cloud based distributed database system, which contains significant levels of sensitive customer and financial information. As you can imagine, keeping this information safe and secure is paramount. My involvement with computer security dates back over a decade to my early years defending small mom and pop internet startups credit card and other personal information from the various small time hackers and criminals who scour the internet for cheap and easy ways to exploit others for financial gain. I know all too well from personal experience how frustrating, difficult, and even damaging these actions can be to this country and the economic success of those attempting to operate in this sector.

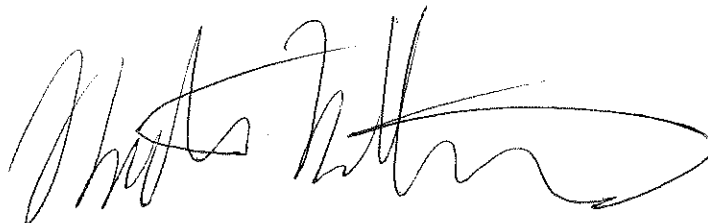
I have been watching the case of Jeremy Hammond with considerable interest. One of the things that struck me the most was that he has been honest in owning up to his wrongdoings by pleading guilty to charges of violating the Computer Fraud Act. Another aspect that I found quite surprising is what he chose to do with the information he stole. Jeremy could have easily profited from this information in ways that may have ultimately led to prevention of his discovery and capture, but instead he chose to act in what he truly felt was a selfless and righteous manner to expose those whom he felt were exploiting our system of government to suppress and violate the rights of his fellow citizens.

Let me be clear that I am not defending Jeremy's actions in any way. As a professional in this field, I feel strongly that this type of action can and should not be tolerated and if one wishes to make changes to the system, they should do so within the means of the law. What Jeremy has done was wrong, and while I do not know him personally, I get the distinct impression that he feels deep regret for his actions.

It is for this reason that I write this letter to you: to ask that you show Jeremy Hammond leniency in his sentencing. Jeremy is obviously an incredibly intelligent, talented, and motivated individual. He has made serious mistakes, but given an opportunity to learn from them I see a possible future where he could emerge from this a honest member of society who is able to make great contributions to society. Giving Jeremy the maximum sentence he faces would rob him of even this possibility, and given the limited damage that was done and his honesty in facing up and owning his mistakes I strongly feel that doing so would be a tremendous loss of potential.

Thank you for taking your time to read this letter.

Matt Wilder

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October 10, 2013

Dear Judge Preska,

I am a professor of media and communications at New York University, where I specialize in the use of media by political and social activists. It has come to my attention that the case of Jeremy Hammond will be before you for sentencing. There are many aspects to this case, but I am writing to day for only one reason: to ask for leniency for Mr. Hammond.

Mr. Hammond's actions, whether one agrees with them or not, were clearly undertaken as an act of protest and civil disobedience. He was motivated by his social ideals and gained no financial benefit from his act. Our country is the great country it is because we have the freedom to protest, and we evolve as a society because sometimes citizens feel it is necessary engage in civil disobedience. Mr. Hammond is one of those citizens.

I ask you to take this into consideration in your sentencing of Mr. Hammond Thank you.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Duncombe', written over a horizontal line.

Stephen Duncombe  
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October 10, 2013

Dear Honorable Judge Preska:

Greetings. My name is Tara Jill Ciccarone, and I'm writing to you today in regards to the upcoming sentencing of Jeremy Hammond. I am a professor of writing at the university level and grew interested in learning more about Jeremy Hammond's case when I was designing curriculum for a writing course tailored to Criminal Justice students. As a writer, educator, and researcher, I grew and remain concerned that the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act is mired in vagaries and does not reflect the internet as we know it today. I understand that Jeremy Hammond had pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. This particular legislation is vulnerable to being manipulated to serve those with power and privilege. I live in New Orleans, Louisiana, the state that houses more criminals per capita than any other in the United States, and have seen the devastating effects maximum prison sentences can have on social justice advocates, their loved ones, and communities as a whole. It is in the spirit of justice that I respectfully request that Jeremy Hammond be sentenced with the utmost leniency because of the inadequacies of the CFAA, the moral context of the scenario of the crime itself, and the defendant's character and non-violent nature of the crime.

First, the CFAA itself is dangerous, vague, and unconstitutional. One merely has to examine the short sentences of co-defendants in Ireland and the U.K. (not more than sixteen months) to note the unreasonable criminalization Hammond faces because of a law that is in desperate need of reform. As I am sure you are aware, the CFAA was written in 1984 and enacted by Congress in 1986. In 1984, I was attending the fourth grade in public school and did not even know what a computer was, and Jeremy Hammond had not yet been born. One does not need a comprehensive background in information technology to recognize the dramatic changes the internet has undergone and the definition of what is and is not a "protected computer." Whatever was considered a "protected computer" in 1984 does not resemble the computers and internet used in the twenty-first century. In 1984, a vague law was created that is now applied to an information highway that has organically grown into what some argue is a living entity. The undeniable need to reform the CFAA alone is a case for leniency.

Second, the moral context of the crime Mr. Hammond pled guilty to must be examined. Recent revelations about the NSA's PRISM surveillance program have brought the surveillance state and its violation of civil liberties to the forefront of current debate. Long before that, however, the information leaked from Stratfor revealed a frightening surveillance culture of corporate and government spying on social advocacy groups. As you know, the First Amendment grants us the right to petition our government with grievances. Many activists spied on by Stratfor were only trying to hold corporations accountable for their unethical practices. Included were the actions of many ordinary citizens who were only trying to improve their lives by demanding a living wage. These actions, which are protected under the First Amendment, apparently warranted unconstitutional spying. Surveillance directed at social advocacy groups interferes with the right to peaceably assemble and petition for a governmental redress of grievances. Surveillance systems like Trapwire exist to monitor and intimidate Americans, creating a cultural obedience with the ultimate goal of infringing upon and by proxy prohibiting freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and the right to peaceably assemble.

Surveillance networks may appear benign when examined from afar, and it was not until I personally experienced surveillance that I could comprehend the extent to which they function as tools of repression. In January of 2013, I was the First Amendment plaintiff in a winning ACLU lawsuit against the City of New Orleans. What I won was the right to hold a sign and flag that did not contain 60% NFL branding during the week of the Super Bowl. Had I not won that lawsuit, holding the American flag would have technically been illegal. Because of my participation in this lawsuit, I was monitored by the FBI while holding a sign about the economic hardships the Super Bowl inflicted upon members of the local community. I felt like my civil liberties had been stripped over reasons that had nothing to do with National Security. The fear and distress I experienced when learning that I was under surveillance surprised me even while the knowledge did not. Surveillance did not surprise me because at that time, I had already been aware of corporate-government spying because Jeremy Hammond helped the public learn about this network.

As a citizen of the United States, I am personally grateful that this surveillance network detailed in the Stratfor documents was exposed. The American public deserve to know that their Fourth Amendment right to privacy has been violated by private companies. That the Constitution of the United States has been violated by corporate clients is alarming, as is the nefarious corporate and government spying on activists. As an advocate for social justice, I believe the citizens of the United States want to trust their government. That Americans know more about private and government surveillance because of the information related to Mr. Hammond's offense is a benefit because it allows them to make more educated decisions. These decisions can now be guided by a moral compass calibrated by truth.

As you are aware, Your Honor, freedom of the press in the United States is protected by

the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. This clause is generally understood as prohibiting the government from interfering with the printing and distribution of information or opinions. I recognize Mr. Hammond as a source, via WikiLeaks publications on the US intelligence contractor Stratfor, for numerous media organizations in a time when our right to a free media is being stripped away. Actions against Bradley Manning, Barrett Brown, John Kiriakou, Thomas Drake, James Risen, WikiLeaks, and the Associated Press undermine basic political and journalistic freedoms. A lenient sentence for Mr. Hammond will demonstrate that the United States is not unjustly punishing whistle-blowers unilaterally.

Moreover, it is my belief that Mr. Hammond's crime was morally motivated. He has stated that "people have a right to know what governments and corporations are doing behind closed doors." Mr. Hammond did not capitalize off of the information and did not do this for his own benefit but because he was driven by the higher ideal - the pursuit of justice. His actions exemplify Civil Disobedience and reflect the values of advocates for social justice like Rosa Parks and the values of our founding fathers who wrote the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Equally troubling in the moral context of this case is the involvement of the United States government in making the Stratfor documents available. The documented role of a confidential informant in the case orchestrated by the FBI begs the question as to why the U.S. government allowed the Stratfor documents to be uploaded to FBI servers. While the FBI had no problem allowing the Stratfor emails to be turned over to WikiLeaks, their use of an informant and nature of the "discovery" (the 3.5 million lines of text with possibly up to 45000 chat participants/co-conspirators) indicates that the United States does not want more of its secrets uncovered. It's rather troubling to not know why the FBI allowed the Stratfor documents to be released. The 14th Amendment grants all U.S. people equal protection, yet only one person is being charged with hacking Stratfor. The fact that Mr. Hammond committed a crime while ignorant of the assistance the FBI provided should be grounds for leniency in sentencing because Mr. Hammond was not fully aware of the nature of the Stratfor documents from the beginning. The FBI, however, was. It's troubling to think that one man could be sentenced to prison for ten years over a crime the United States government participated in. Since the U.S. government and FBI are receiving leniency in the way they are not being held accountable for a "hack" they orchestrated, it seems only fair that Mr. Hammond receive leniency in the form of a sentence of time served.

Also, I respectfully request that you consider a lenient sentence for Mr. Hammond because of the defendant's outstanding character. Jeremy Hammond is well-liked among people of various ages, genders, and backgrounds. Since growing interested in this case, I have been able to write many letters to Jeremy Hammond, and have enjoyed my communications with him. The sheer number of postcards and letters sent to Mr. Hammond demonstrate a love for him that cannot even be assigned to a specific

community. One could argue that Mr. Hammond's supporters are a secret group of "computer hackers," but this is far from the case. Mr. Hammond is admired by educators, doctors, nurses, students, activists, prison reform advocates, and citizens of all demographics. He has been repeatedly described as a kind, bright young man by those who know him.

The emotional toll Mr. Hammond's incarceration is taking on those who love him must be considered. I have come to understand that Mr. Hammond is loved by many, and that his incarceration breaks the hearts of those closest to him. Many of Mr. Hammond's supporters have worked tirelessly to ensure that he will not be forgotten, that he has money in his commissary for basic needs, that he has stamps to send letters to people. He is a man who has been separated from his loved ones for well over a year already.

It was a sincere pleasure to be present in your courtroom on April 10th and see Mr. Hammond's eyes light up when he was granted ten minutes time to spend with his mother and brother. After the courtroom emptied, Jeremy Hammond was able to turn around in his chair and face his family from his chair across and talk. Jeremy Hammond was granted his first meeting with his mother and brother since his arrest, and it was ten minutes long. This ten minutes seemed like a precious gift and not what citizens should be able to expect from the Criminal Justice system. It is with sincere gratitude for your decision that day that I again ask you to humanely grant Mr. Hammond a lenient sentence (a sentence of time served would be ideal), so his family and friends can experience a lifetime of similar moments.

Your Honor, Jeremy Hammond is twenty-eight years old. He is obviously bright and thoughtful, and his supporters have relentlessly written to him and campaigned for his release. He has been using his time in prison to teach fellow inmates and educate himself by reading and playing chess. I do not see how a prison sentence that is less than lenient will benefit Mr. Hammond or the state. Mr. Hammond's crime was inherently non-violent; while some may disagree with his morally motivated decisions, he is not a threat to a society in which offenders convicted of crimes like rape, child abuse, and manslaughter receive shorter sentences.

Furthermore, keeping Mr. Hammond incarcerated is a waste of tax payer money. Attorney General Eric Holder himself has acknowledged that "Too many Americans go to prisons for far too long" and has unveiled reforms to reduce the number of people sent to America's overcrowded federal prisons. Currently, PSEA-HR 2656: The Public Safety Enhancement Act of 2013, has earned bipartisan support for its potential to reduce recidivism, lower crime rates, and reduce the amount of money spent on the federal prison system. Prison reform advocates argue that "The United States Criminal Justice System is flawed, broken, yet fixable; Prison Reform and Sentencing Reform should be major agenda's for each state- we need to stop warehousing prisoners and ready those who are going to parole. Inmate rehabilitation improves public safety and



lowers prison costs" (Prison Reform Movement). A lenient sentence for Jeremy Hammond will release non-violent man; a maximum sentence will only provide another example of a flawed Criminal Justice System.

In recent years, the US legal system has been used more and more to target political dissidents, especially information activists. The prosecution of information activists like the late Aaron Swartz under the CFAA has made many Americans fear that the United States courts have "become part of a rigged system that favors corporations and those politically connected to them" and that "checks and balance will only come from the people" (Counterpunch). Your Honor, Mr. Hammond's sentencing awards you the opportunity to reassure the world that the United States justice system is not constantly suffering from unchecked authoritarian power. I beg you to not allow Hammond's sentencing to compound the problem that the CFAA has permitted prosecutors to exploit the law by engaging in significant over-charging.

A wise person once said, "We should reserve prison for those we are afraid of, not for those we are just mad at." I trust that, as a judge who has been nominated for The Supreme Court and who honors the Constitution, you will demonstrate that a non-violent man - a man the American public has no reason to fear - is sentenced leniently because he poses no threat to society. In your civilian court that follows the Constitution, you have the opportunity to restore some of my faith in the justice system by issuing Hammond a light sentencing.

The state gains nothing from keeping this non-violent man incarcerated for a moment longer. Giving Mr. Hammond a sentence that is anything less than lenient will only illustrate that the rule of law is irreparably broken.

I hope this letter finds you well, and again urge you to consider sentencing Mr. Jeremy Hammond with utmost leniency.

Respectfully,

Tara Jill Ciccarone, M.F.A.

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10/10/2013



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
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October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I am writing from Tunisia on the matter of the sentencing of Jeremy Hammond.

I am an American journalist, and have come to this place to tell the story of a nation trying to reinvent itself. Tunisia is trying to become a free nation after a heroic revolution threw out an autocratic dictator. It is, to say the least, a hard job. Activist and artists still routinely face jail time here. It is apparent that learning to be a free nation is a difficult and never-ending job.

Our respect for political activism, art, and dissent is something beautiful in the American story. We have always differentiated between law breaking for gain, and law breaking for principle, even when we disagreed with the principle. It is my hope we always will. Even when the crime is severe, we tell a different story about our political criminals. We remember Al Capone and the James brothers differently from the stories of John Brown or Eugene V. Debs. This is to our credit as a nation and culture, and a beautiful message to the world.

It is without question that Hammond broke the law. But it is also indisputable that he did so in the quest to make a better America. We may or may not agree with Hammond's vision of that better America, but the competition of these visions are what nourish our nation. Lawbreaking by the likes of civil rights protesters and suffragettes is why we have a biracial president, and why you and I can vote.

I covered Anonymous and the Occupy movement extensively during the time of Hammond's crime. The rhetoric of both groups was sometimes unrealistic and often sophomoric, but in an age where life or death policy and politics is often a matter of lobbying and horsetrading, I found these activists had a rare heart. Anons called each other brother and sister. They argued and fought and grandstanded to each other, but they cared, and they were willing to put their lives and honor on the line. It was the courage that makes better worlds that I witnessed in those spaces, if not yet careful political thinking. But all things start immature.

We may not approve of the methods people like Hammond have used, but we need the meaning of it in this ossified and halted American political discourse. We need to teach the next American generation to dissent; that dissent is our way.

Hammond's fate is already demonstrating that law breaking in the pursuit of political ends isn't tolerated. Let us not use him as a symbol of the breaking of dissent and the quelling of unconventional thought. If Hammond's ideas are wrong for America, let them lose in the marketplace of ideas, and not to the suppressive force of the state.

Your Honor, I will be in Tunisia for a little while longer. These people have expressed thanks to the Anonymous participants who supported them in their revolution, which I believe from my research and the reading of the indictment may have included Hammond. Let me turn to them next week and say this: America may punish law-breaking, but we support dissent, and that's what Tunisia should do, too.

Thank you,  
Quinn Norton



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Vivien Lesnik Weisman

► **Honorable Loretta A. Preska**

Chief Judge Southern District of New York  
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October 27, 2013

To the Honorable Judge Preska,

My name is Vivien Lesnik Weisman, filmmaker, writer, and political commentator. I am a graduate of Barnard College, New York Law School (and accepted to the New York Bar). I hold an MFA in directing from the UCLA School of Theatre, Film and TV. My documentary films are critically acclaimed and have won the most prestigious awards throughout the world, including Grand Prix Documentary Festival Internacional du Cinema Latin de Paris, IFP Fledgling Fund Award Best Emerging Latino Filmmaker, Audience Award Vancouver International Latino Film Festival, First Coral Award Festival de Nuevo Cine Latino Americano, Grand Prix Signis awarded by the Vatican and His Holiness, as well as the Social Justice Award Finalist at The Santa Barbara International Film Festival and Tribeca.

I have appeared on countless television, radio news programs and I am a regular contributor to the Huffington Post, the news organization with the most reach in the world.

I am currently making The Reality Wars, a feature-length documentary about the targeting of activists, hacktivists and journalists by the government, and the nexus between the private intelligence security firms and the surveillance state. Mr. Hammond is one of my subjects. Stratfor is one of the private intelligence firms at the nexus. Accordingly I have spent a good deal of time researching these issues.

I am aware that Jeremy Hammond took a plea to a maximum of 10 years for his involvement in the intrusion of the private intel security firm Stratfor. I am writing to respectfully request that Mr. Hammond be sentenced to time served.

Mr. Hammond is a so-called Hacktivist. (H)ac(k)tivist is a combination of the word activist and hacker. Hammond is both an on-the-ground activist and an online one, or Hacktivist, fighting for anti-war, social justice and environmental causes. He put his hacking skills in service of his activism. In order to explore the essence Mr. Hammond's case, I believe it is important to explain what private intelligence security firms are. They are for-profit firms that contract with corporations and governments. They are mercenary intelligence outfits. They offer their services to the highest bidder nations and corporate clientele and foreign countries including China, and Korea.

The United States also contracts with these firms. US government agencies routinely outsource what used to be done in-house. The FBI, CIA, DoD, and Homeland Security contract with these firms. After 9/11, outsourcing skyrocketed. It is estimated that 70% of U.S. intelligence work is done with outside, contracted companies. Those

are these estimates from 2006 and the trend continues to grow. Gone are the days when the CIA and FBI were in charge of intelligence and law enforcement.

Outsourced intelligence work has no form of congressional oversight or regulation, or any other kind for that matter. These companies operate in the shadows and, as the Stratfor hack revealed, are involved in criminal behavior. In other words they are above the law. When under contract for the US government, they do what would be illegal for the government to do itself. A convenient byproduct: the government is given the ultimate plausible deniability, which simply means they can outsource whatever they do not want to know.

Jeremy Hammond is a political dissident. He violated the CFAA in order to make a political statement. His motivation was not personal or pecuniary enhancement.. He wanted the public to know about the criminal behavior that our government colludes to keep out of our reach. When Rosa Parks refused to sit in the back of the bus she did so knowing she was in violation of the law. Similarly, Jeremy Hammond knowingly violated the law in order to expose greater criminality. He is oft quoted saying that he must work quickly before the government stops him. This is not a statement made by someone who is unwilling to take responsibility for his acts.

I have met Jeremy Hammond. I have spent time with him. I know that his motivations were not unlike the motivations of Rosa Parks, who also broke the law. I am not seeking to unduly lionize Mr. Hammond, I just wish to convey that he truly believes his actions were directed towards making a change in the world to benefit us all.

The case of Jeremy Hammond is illustrative of a trend to target, overcharge and come down hard on those the state perceives as threatening. The supposed threats are due to their beliefs and/or actions toward information freedom for the benefit of society at large. In the increasingly growing number of (h)ac(k)tivist cases, Mr. Hammond's case is most closely associated with that of Barrett Brown. Brown is a journalist facing charges totaling 105 years for his journalistic work. He was also involved in exposing the criminality of Stratfor and other private intelligence firms. Other related cases are those of information activist Aaron Swartz and Internet troll Andrew "weev" Auernheimer. weev was sentenced to 41 months under the CFAA for embarrassing a corporation. It is widely believed that Mr. Aurenheimer's appeal will strike down the CFAA as a constitutionally vague and draconian law.

In 2008, Aaron Swartz, information freedom activist downloaded and released 2.7 million court documents stored on the PACER database. He believed the public had a right to access this information. In 2013, Aaron Swartz committed suicide after a long struggle with the US government over a similar release of data. Mr. Swartz was aware that his actions were CFAA violations. Like Mr. Hammond he did not believe his acts were wrong; illegal yes, but not wrong. Unlike Aaron Swartz, connected and widely admired whose persecution has inspired the US Congress to propose "Aaron's Law", Jeremy Hammond is an indigent defendant. Still both are examples from opposite poles of the economic spectrum of the criminalization of dissent and the systemic failure of the rule of law.

The aforementioned cases are near perfect examples of prosecutorial overreach. The case for prosecutorial overreach is not that the defendants did nothing illegal. The issue with prosecutorial overreach is that the punishment is disproportionate to the alleged acts and/or that the prosecution is being pursued for improper purposes. That's particularly true in Mr. Hammond's case when viewed next to the more egregious criminality that the Stratfor hack exposed.

Both prongs of prosecutorial overreach are present in Mr. Brown's, Mr. Aurenheimer's, Mr. Swartz's and Mr. Hammond's case. More importantly, all of these cases including Mr. Hammond's are fueled by the same improper purpose: the desire to use the law as a weapon to both deter and severely punish those who challenge the

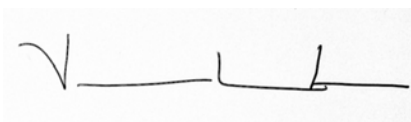
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government's power to control information on the Internet and in Brown's and Hammond's case expose criminality. All of these cases are political as is the excessive prosecution.

In Latin America, there is a distinction made in the prison system between common criminals and political prisoners. Sadly, the overzealous prosecutions of Jeremy Hammond, Barrett Brown, Aaron Swartz and Andrew "weev" Auernheimer seem to indicate that we should begin making that distinction in the United States as well.

Your Honor, there is much more at stake here than the fate of Mr. Hammond. What is at stake is the very essence of a civilized society; the rule of law. It is now in your capable hands to turn back the tide of these overzealous and politically motivated prosecutions and hand down a just and appropriate sentence – time served.

Very Respectfully,



Vivien Lesnik Weisman

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Dear Judge Preska,

My name is Trevor FitzGibbon. I am the President of FitzGibbon Media, an organization I began to provide a domestic and public relations strategy around cutting edge political, human rights and environmental campaigns. We have worked closely with the Chelsea Manning Defense Committee and in support of Julian Assange and WikiLeaks. As such I am full familiar with the difficulties faced by whistle blowers and journalists, brave individuals who risk their lives in the belief that people should know about wrongful actions of the government and its surrogates.

I believe that Jeremy Hammond has acted in this tradition. Recognizing the penalties he might face he risked his liberty to reveal what was happening behind closed doors. He is a political activist in the finest sense and fought for transparency though civil disobedience.

I know that he has pled guilty to violating the CFAA and faces a maximum sentence of ten years. I believe his action have advanced our understanding of how private intelligence companies operate with impunity and ask you to be lenient in his sentencing as his actions were not for personal gain, but to achieve a social good.

I believe that when released Jeremy will pursue legal means to continue to advance his vision of a better world.


Thank you for allowing me to provide my opinion.

Respectfully,



Trevor FitzGibbon  
Founder & President



Kevin M. Gallagher  


October 15, 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
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Dear Judge Preska,

I am a writer, computer professional and activist based in western Massachusetts. I graduated from UMass, work in IT, and my work has been published in a variety of places; but most importantly I direct a not-for-profit legal defense fund and advocacy organization for the imprisoned journalist, Barrett Brown. Over the past year my work has helped raise tens of thousands of dollars and resulted in major media coverage, as well as support from very prominent and reputable press freedom and human rights organizations.

Importantly, Mr. Brown and a crowd-sourced journalistic research project he founded with many participants, are among those who analyzed the e-mails released from Stratfor by Jeremy Hammond. They came to the conclusion, shared by myself and many others, that the release was in the public interest. No doubt, the Stratfor e-mails made available as a result of Hammond's actions have benefited scores of journalists and resulted in numerous stories. They are frequently cited as a source by outlets on all sides of the political spectrum. We are now better informed and able to make decisions as a population because of them. In particular, we know more about the activities of private intelligence firms, which frequently receive government contracts and taxpayer dollars, because of Jeremy.

There is no question that the law was broken, the privacy of Stratfor's employees was breached, and the company suffered grave damages. However, I believe that Jeremy's acts must be weighed against the spying on private citizens done by Stratfor which was exposed, and against their failure to properly secure their systems and customer information (for which they rightly were subject to a lawsuit). I believe that Jeremy was only exercising civil disobedience as part of a worldwide movement for transparency that has inspired millions of people across the globe. He did not gain anything financially or materially from it.



What I understand of Jeremy's personality and character makes him very respectable and admirable to me. He is someone who cares about humanity and improving the state of affairs. He is passionate about advancing the interests of the common people and their rights, in the face of powerful corporations and governments. I think that if he were released, he would be an asset to the community, as he is prepared to make sacrifices of himself in order to help other people. To meet someone as caring and selfless as Jeremy Hammond is rare in today's society.

Therefore, when you're sentencing Jeremy, I implore you to please be lenient. Search your conscience and ask yourself whether this bright, intelligent young man should not be given a second chance to rebuild his life. I think that he has already served enough time for his transgressions, and that he has a great potential to be reformed under the terms of probation or a supervised release. I don't believe that he is at risk of engaging in criminal hacking ever again.

While it might be tempting to set an example as a deterrent to others, I assure you that his arrest and detainment have already had enough deeply chilling effects. I think that the maximum punishment would serve no productive purpose, and the world would be losing out on someone very smart and talented. I am far from alone in these sentiments – I know that Jeremy has the support of thousands of people, from every place and walk of life. Involving as it does the serious matter of a young man's life and future, I hope that you will sincerely consider my plea for leniency, and I expect that after weighing these things carefully, that the sentence you reach in this case will be fair and just according to the highest ethical standards of your honor.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin M. Gallagher". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Kevin M. Gallagher  
Director, Free Barrett Brown

October 15, 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
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Dear Judge Preska:

I am writing to you in regard to Jeremy Hammond. I don't know Jeremy personally. However, I have spent many years working in or doing research on the criminal justice system. My first job on graduating from college was as a prison officer at the Connecticut State Prison for Women in 1971. I later wrote a book on the impact that working in prisons has on officers (*Prison Officers and Their World*, Harvard University Press, 1988) and have published frequently on prisons in the years since. I worry deeply about the overuse of prisons as a sanction for an ever-increasing number of crimes with ever-harsher sentences.

I also have a more personal reason for my concern about Jeremy's case. I knew Aaron Swartz well and, through him, have been privileged to know some of the most remarkable young men of his generation, all of them technically brilliant and deeply idealistic. While some of their choices may not have been the best, I consider them to be national treasures. I'm not arguing that they should be granted immunity for actions that violate the law, but rather that we should be proportionate, fair and compassionate in guiding them. I think we also need to recognize the extent that our generation's understanding of the Internet is different from theirs, and not necessarily superior. The CFAA is a case in point, as is the vastly disparate treatment by our criminal justice system of corporate and government misuse of private data versus youthful actions taken to expose that misuse, especially where no effort was made for personal gain.

Having had many opportunities to observe the effects of prolonged solitary confinement, especially on young people, I also worry deeply about Jeremy's mental health and feel sure that he has been punished enough; certainly more than he would have been in almost any other Western nation.

Respectfully,



Kelsey Kauffman



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Re: Jeremy Hammond

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is James R. Fennerty and I am an attorney who is licensed to practice both in Federal Court and the State of Illinois for over 41 years. In 2010 I came to know Jeremy Hammond when I represented him and other young men who were charged for disorderly conduct. The incident came about when Jeremy and the other young men went to a German restaurant in a Chicago suburb where David Irving was speaking. Mr. Irving is a writer who has written over thirty books most of them are about denial that the holocaust in Germany ever happened. It is my understanding that Mr. Irving was in Chicago to address a neo-Nazi group. Jeremy and his friends went into the meeting and started chanting that there was a holocaust and through fake blood on the books Mr. Irving brought to sell to the group.

As a result of the above incident Jeremy was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. In court Jeremy plead guilty and was sentenced four days in the Cook County Jail. Due to good behavior he only served two days of that sentence.

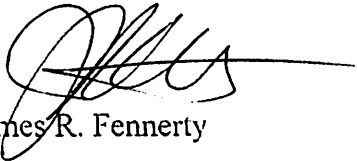
Following release from the Cook County Jail Jeremy received notice of a rule to show cause hearing for violation of the terms of his supervised release from federal prison. Jeremy had served two years in a federal prison for hacking into computers of right wing organizations. This matter was before Judge James B. Zagel a judge for the Northern District of Illinois. I also represented Jeremy in this case.

At the first appearance before Judge Zagel the judge commented that he was familiar with the writings of David Irving. In fact he told us that he had spoken on a panel in London, England where he spoke about the writings of Mr. Irving. Judge Zagel never violated Jeremy's conditions of release for this arrest and on May 20, 2011, after several court appearances Judge Zagel terminated Jeremy's supervised release.

*I also represented Jeremy when he was arrest in December of 2110 for possession of marijuana and of marijuana paraphernalia. He was in custody and when the case was called the assistant state's attorney asked for a continuance. When I pointed out that the laboratory report in the court file showed that the substance was not marijuana both charges were nolle prosequi.*

In the course of my representation I came to really like Jeremy because even though I did not approve of his tactics I did respect that he tried to do the right thing when he saw an injustice. He was against neo-Nazis. Nothing he did was for personal gain. I am not justifying what he did, but I feel that Jeremy deserves some leniency. He is actually a good person who cares about the poor and injustices in this country and around the world.

Sincerely,

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James R. Fennerty

**Carne Ross**

[REDACTED]

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013

JEREMY HAMMOND

Dear Judge Preska:

I am a former senior British diplomat and head of a non-profit diplomatic advisory group, headquartered here in New York, that advises democratic governments and countries around the world. I have come to know about Jeremy Hammond's case and want to appeal to you to minimize the sentence he must serve for his violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.

As a British citizen, but US resident, I have followed Jeremy's case closely. I am aware that those convicted of the same crime in the UK will spend no more than 16 months in prison, and that his co-defendants in Ireland will not be prosecuted at all. I am concerned that sentences associated with the CFAA are in general grossly disproportionate to the harm done by violations thereof, and in this case in particular. As you know, Jeremy personally sought no personal benefit or financial gain from his act which was instead motivated by his political beliefs.

I am sure that you will bear these points in mind as you consider Jeremy's sentence. I trust that you will act with compassion towards a young man who has, in my view, already paid considerably for his actions.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



Carne Ross



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 7, 2013

Dear Judge Preska,

I am writing regarding the sentencing of Jeremy Hammond for violations of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act and to request leniency in the length of the jail sentence.

As the executive director of Media Alliance, a 37-year-old democratic communications advocacy nonprofit, I work with and represent many who are deeply committed to freedom of information. While I do not know Jeremy Hammond personally, I am acquainted with many who share his concerns and his commitment to speaking out strongly on the issue. While a line was crossed into illegal behavior, the motivation behind the actions was one shared by many people. I think we speak as one in asking for a proportional response from the criminal justice system.

Mr. Hammond's co-defendants in Ireland and the United Kingdom will be serving sentences of a maximum of two years. In this case, I think we should consider the example of the UK in formulating a proportional and appropriate punishment for the crime in question, which was undertaken as an act of politically-motivated civil disobedience and for no financial gain.

We have seen in the Aaron Swartz case that disproportionate responses to acts of civil disobedience can cause great and unnecessary suffering. The limitations of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, which protects corporations to a greater extent than individuals, should not be used to throw the book at acts of civil disobedience by generating long sentences in excess of the severity of the illegal act committed.

Thank you for taking these thoughts into consideration.

Sincerely,

Tracy Rosenberg  
Executive Director





**Mustafa Al-Bassam**



**Honorable Loretta A. Preska**

Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

**Dear Judge Preska:**

My name is Mustafa Al-Bassam and I was a co-defendant in the UK-based prosecution of Anonymous/LulzSec that concluded in May of this year. I am rehabilitated and currently a 1<sup>st</sup> year student at King's College London undertaking a Computer Science MSci degree.

Although I only briefly communicated with Jeremy Hammond on Internet Relay Chat (as his criminal activities in question occurred after I was arrested) and perhaps I do not know him as well as later co-conspirators or people close to him, I do feel obliged to make you aware of the punishments received by UK co-conspirators for your consideration.

I write today at the request of Jeremy Hammond's lawyers. I am told that many people have written letters comparing the sentences in England to the one Jeremy might receive. I was asked to confirm what the actual sentences were. I can confirm that I was sentenced to a 20 month suspended term, as I was a juvenile at the time the crimes I pled guilty to were committed. I was in the courtroom when Jake Davis was sentenced to two years of prison, to be served in a youthful offender facility. I am aware that he served 38 actual days. I also witnessed Ryan Ackroyd get sentenced to 30 months and Ryan Cleary get sentenced to 32 months. Those sentences are to be served at 50%, so Ryan Ackroyd will serve 15 months and Ryan Cleary will serve 16 months. I would ask that you please take that into account when sentencing Jeremy Hammond.

Even though the UK-based prosecution covered a much greater range of victims and attacks than Jeremy's prosecution (I was arrested a total of 82 times in one go for each suspected attack), I feel that the punishments we received were extremely fair and proportionate given the actual damage caused and motives; that is not to say our punishments were light – rather the opposite even by the world's and other countries' standards.

Yours sincerely,

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**Mustafa Al-Bassam**  
10/15/2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

11 October 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Scott Arciszewski and I am a Computer Programming and Analysis student at Valencia College in Orlando, FL. In July 2011, I was arrested and ultimately prosecuted for hacking into the computer systems used by InfraGard Tampa Bay, a website used by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and sentenced to probation and house arrest. While my actions were reckless and regrettable, it is my hope that my insights and experiences could be utilized through the transmission of this letter to help decide a fair sentence for Mr. Jeremy Hammond.

From my understanding, Jeremy's political beliefs are self-proclaimed anarchist, and all of his criminal actions were politically motivated. Indeed, he did not derive a personal profit from the execution of his criminal activities or choices. While the prosecution may feel that this does not excuse his actions, I believe it does offer great insight into Jeremy's crime and a suitable rehabilitation. My theory is as follows: He has lost faith in our American system. He lost faith in our system because he has seen it in action. Anarchists see authority figures as adversaries to be challenged and, where they do not possess true leadership traits, conquered. In a way, there is nothing more authentically American than an anarchic streak in one's political views.

A suitable criminal rehabilitation, in my view, is not merely one that imposes an inconvenience, restriction of liberty, and debt upon Jeremy Hammond; but rather, one that refocuses his brilliant mind and rekindles his passion for our great Nation. Show him that compassion exists in the shadow of the corruption that hogs the limelight of our news media.

"Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?" – Abraham Lincoln

Jeremy Hammond is a brilliant young man, and he has a lot to give to this world. But he cannot do anything for anybody unless he is given a chance. Therefore, I would like to recommend a sentence heavy on the community service, lean on the imprisonment. If at all possible, keeping Jeremy in prison for less than 30 months (currently the longest sentence of any of his overseas co-conspirators) would be ideal.

Thank you for your time reading this letter. I trust you will make the right choice for America, for those hurt by Jeremy's actions, and also for Jeremy's future.

Sincerely,

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Scott Arciszewski

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Raynaldo Rivera. I was a co-conspirator in the US-Based prosecution of Lulzsec concerning attacks against Sony Pictures that occurred during May and June of 2011. I am currently employed at Cummings Engineering, a computer company that develops secure communication for both the private and government sectors. I will retain this job once I have served my impending prison sentence. I have rehabilitated myself after leaving Lulzsec and live a honest and full life now. I understand and accept that I am to be punished for my involvement with Lulzsec.

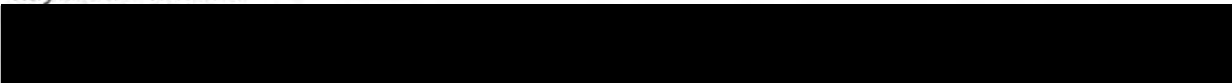
Although I do not know Jeremy Hammond personally and I only talked to him briefly on Internet Relay Chat, I feel that you should be aware of the sentence that myself and Co-Conspirator Cody Kretsinger received for our involvement with Lulzsec.

Kretsinger and I were both sentenced to a year and a day in federal prison, one year of home detention, three years of supervised release, One thousand hours of community service, and \$653,000 in restitution. Compared to the other Lulzsec prosecutions Mr. Kretsinger and I have received the among the harshest of sentences. I ask that you please take our sentences into account when determining the appropriate sentence for Jeremy Hammond.

I feel it is important to note that although the sentence was harsh I believe it to be a fair and appropriate punishment for the involvement that Mr. Kretsinger and I had.

Yours sincerely,

Raynaldo Rivera

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**Donncha O'Cearbhaill**



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York , NY 10007

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Donncha O'Cearbhaill and I was a co-conspirator named in the Anonymous / Lulzsec indictments unsealed in the SDNY on the 6th March 2012. I was also charged for the relevant offenses by the Irish authorities. I am writing to you today at the request of Jeremy Hammond's lawyer's to provide some background on my experience with the Irish criminal justice system when I was charged for computer hacking offenses.

After a significant investigation, I was arrested and charged along with my Irish co-defendant Darren Martyn of criminal damage on the website FineGael2011.com, belonging to major political party in the Irish government. Our case was the first prosecution for computer hacking in Ireland and was heard at the district court level, the lowest court in Ireland. At our preliminary hearing we were both released on bail of our own bond. Like Jeremy we both entered guilty pleas, and subsequently the judge directed that we engage with the Restorative Justice section of the Probation Services.

My engagement with them included providing a formal apology to the victim and doing some writing about my understanding of how the offense affected the victim, my family and my own life. As a part of the program I also carried out community service by providing technical help to a number of resource stretched voluntary groups with their websites.

On my final return to court, I paid the victim €5000 in damages as directed by the court.. The judge then struck out the case to allow us to move forward in our lives without a permanent criminal record. This decision will allow me to continue to try and improve my live without the permanent tarnish that a criminal conviction would bring. I think the Irish prosecution was a fair and proportionate response to our offense which were like Jeremy's, was not for personal gain.

I did not know Jeremy well. In particular I have no insight as to his offense which occurred after I had been arrested. I am simply writing to provided perspective on on how these type of offenses were prosecuted in other jurisdictions. Jeremy has already spent more than a year and a half of his life in federal custody while his case has been progressing through the court system. All I ask is that you are cognizant to the sentences Jeremy's co-conspirators have received in other jurisdictions and that you show leniency to Jeremy in your sentencing on November 15th.

Yours sincerely

*Donncha O'Cearbhaill*

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Donncha O'Cearbhaill

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**-against-**

**Case No. 12 Cr. 185 (LAP)**

**JEREMY HAMMOND,**

**Defendant.**

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**EXHIBIT D LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM U.S. BASED SUPPORTERS**



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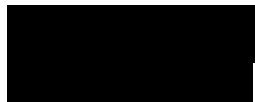
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Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 13, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I became aware of Jeremy Hammond's case through various sources online, and I know he has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, but I write today to plead for your leniency as you consider his sentence. I don't know Jeremy personally; I'm simply someone whose life would be worse without the actions of those who take principled stands against injustice, greed, and corruption. From what I've read, I believe Jeremy Hammond to be someone taking such a stand, not someone who deserves to be separated from his freedom for a decade.

The protection the CFAA affords to corporations is greater than those it affords to individuals, who may be subjected to surveillance by private corporations such as Stratfor. Your leniency would help counterbalance that injustice. It's also worth noting that Mr. Hammond acted as he did out of sincere personal and political conviction. His motive, unlike Stratfor's, has not been to protect or enhance his own financial position. I absolutely do not believe that our national security, whatever that is, has been in any way enhanced by capturing Mr. Hammond. His imprisonment does not protect me; it shames me. Lengthening his sentence far beyond the sentences imposed on his European co-defendants would not advance the interests of any aggrieved party, nor address the problem of warrantless surveillance brought to light by what I'm forced by definition to call Mr. Hammond's crime.

I appreciate your time and attention in this matter, and again beg you to exercise all available leniency as you sentence Jeremy Hammond.

Sincerely,

Michael Adams



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 5, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I understand the sentencing hearing for Jeremy Hammond, an activist accused of committing crimes of civil disobedience against an encroaching surveillance state, is set to begin November 15, 2013. Mr. Hammond is being prosecuted for [REDACTED]

Mr. Hammond has been charged with violations under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. The law does not adequately consider the implications of new media technology. In Ireland and the UK where certain laws have better kept pace with technology, Mr. Hammond's co-defendants have served very slight sentences and some have been released.

Having been denied bail and held in solitary confinement – decried as a form of cruel and inhumane punishment by many human rights advocates – Mr. Hammond should not be subjected to any further incarceration. This is especially true in light of his service to protecting civil liberties threatened by constitutionally suspect warrantless spying.

Please treat the defendant with compassion and do what is in your power to ensure a fair trial that takes into account the gravity of Mr. Hammond's circumstances. This is a critical legal juncture with respect to new technology, cyber activism and potential abuses of corporate-state power. I urge you to keep this in mind when deciding what is just in Mr. Hammond's case.

Sincerely,



James Anderson  
Doctoral Candidate  
Southern Illinois University Carbondale

To:  
Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

From:

[REDACTED]

10/14/2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I am writing to you in regards to a case in which Jeremy Hammond has pleaded guilty to violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.

Please extend leniency to Mr. Hammond and reduce his sentence to the shortest legally possible.

The bests interests of society are best served by using the resources needed to keep Mr. Hammond in prison elsewhere. No one's best interests are served by keeping him in prison.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chuck Baggett

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
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Dear Judge Preska,

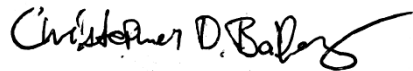
I am a teacher and journalist writing on issues relating to journalism and national security, and am interested in the case of Jeremy Hammond because of the questions Jeremy's leak has raised regarding the intersection between the intelligence community and the private sector. I know that Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA), and is facing up to a decade in prison- and so I am writing you today to ask you to consider his case with leniency.

While I believe that such a sentence would be appropriate for a hacker seeking personal gain, Jeremy did not seek to enrich himself. He engaged in an act of civil disobedience in order to expose [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Darren Martyn and Donncha O'Cearrbhail, Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland, will not be prosecuted; his co-defendants in Britain, Jake Davis and Ryan Ackroyd, face no more than 16 months in prison. Considering how his actions were motivated by his desire to spark a public debate, Jeremy's sentence should be no greater.

Respectfully,



Christopher D. Bailey

10/12/13

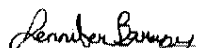
Dear Judge Preska ,

I am a young adult in these United states of America and I believe everyone has the same rights under the Constitution. Jeremy is no different he is a US citizen and should get all the rights and respect that an American was born with a speedy and fair trail. Why am I interested in this case? I'm interested because Jeremy is being sentenced as if he did a violent crime when he didn't gain anything from what he has done nor did he hurt anyone in the processes.

You also have to consider that he has been in prison for over a year and a half. His Co defendants in bother Ireland and England have not been arrested or have already been released, yet Jeremy still sits in his cell waiting for the trial, for the sentencing that he has already plead guilty too.

All I am asking fro is you to consider going easy on Jeremy. I wouldn't want to question the government for its dissensions to have his punishment not match his crimes. You should consider he is a human and has feelings just like you, and your family. Let Jeremy return home to his family sooner than 10 years.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Barany



From: Sarah Barrentine [REDACTED]  
Subject: **Leniency for Jeremy Hammond:**  
Date: October 14, 2013 10:18:56 PM EDT  
To: [REDACTED]

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Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Sarah Barrentine  
[REDACTED]

10/14/2013

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Sarah Barrentine, and I am a Special Education English Teacher at an Austin high school composed primarily of socioeconomically disadvantaged students. I am not personally acquainted with Jeremy, but I am interested in his case because I believe that he was motivated by conscience, not by desire for personal gain.

I am aware that Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. However, I believe he should be treated with compassion because the aforementioned law was written before the internet was created and gives corporations and prosecutors too much power to criminalize an array of online activity and pursue extreme sentences.

What is worrisome to me are the things leaked, not the leaker. [REDACTED]

Corporate-government surveillance poses an unacceptable threat to civil liberties. If we lived in a true democracy, Stratfor would be under investigation, and this young man wouldn't be facing over a decade in prison for his political activism.

Like Jeremy Hammond, I believe in the power of truth. Please show leniency toward this brave and highly moral young person.

Best,  
Sarah Barrentine



Dear Judge Preska,

I am an IT manager and Armed Forces Veteran who is concerned about Jeremy Hammond's sentencing. Harsh punishments under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act may steer people away from computer research and innovation, which is central to our new world.

Jeremy has already spent over a year in prison. Consider also that Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland will not be prosecuted and that in the United Kingdom, those who are already convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison.

I am asking you to be lenient in his sentencing.

Sincerely,

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Steve Barrow



Susan Basko, Lawyer



October 12, 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Preska:

I am writing to ask you to please sentence Jeremy Hammond to time served.

I am a lawyer in Illinois and California. I am also the mother of a grown son and a wonderful grandson. My own son is very successful as a computer-based designer and artist and has never been in any trouble with the law. However, I think that is mostly because he is in his later 30s, not in his later 20s, like Jeremy. In the intervening ten years, our society lost tolerance for simple dissent and computer experimentation. The older computer aficionados, even Bill Gates and the late Steve Jobs, have said that if their youthful computer adventures were treated as crimes, the way such acts are today, they would be in prison, rather than being successful business people.

Hacking into a computer and stealing the emails is a crime, but in the overall scheme of things, this is a very small crime, and should be treated as such. The damage that is done is actually quite minimal, however it is inflated in these federal court cases. And I say this as a computer-savvy person who has been stalked online, defamed, had my Skype hacked, had personal information posted online, and have had relentless attempts by hackers to get into my emails and accounts. I don't like it, and I think they should be stopped and reprimanded. But I would never want one of them to go to prison for a month, let alone ten years. This is because the punishment is out of proportion to the act. If you look at Jeremy's co-defendants from the UK, they received very mild punishments and are out and about again.

I also look at Jeremy and the good in him. I was raised in Chicago, and I am often there. I come from a large family and Chicago is our city. Chicago is a good city. Part of what has kept it good is that Chicago has many ardent activists who keep an eye on the government officials. Chicago is the home of Reverend Jesse Jackson, Father Flieger, the antiwar activist Kathy Kelly. These are people who have gone out on a limb to try to keep our society morally on track. As a Chicagoan, I would add Jeremy Hammond to this list. Jeremy has been relentlessly driven to bring attention to wrongdoings and to lead to their correction. Every act of civil disobedience of Jeremy's has been politically motivated to try to make Chicago or the U.S. better places. And I appreciate this.

We cannot all spend our time, we do not all have the internal drive to be the moral compass for society. Certain people are gifted with this role in life, and yes, they often face trouble with the law. I am asking you to recognize Jeremy is a voice in the wilderness. From an online definition: *if you are a voice in the wilderness, you are the only person expressing a particular opinion, although later other people understand that you were right.*

Jeremy's hacking was politically and socially motivated. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Private companies, with no government oversight, have no right to be assuming surveillance of the people. I am grateful to Jeremy for revealing this dangerous situation, that we might remedy these abuses of our Constitutional rights.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I am glad that the hacking revealed these abuses, so that we, as a nation, might be more protective of our civil liberties.

I don't put all hackers in a list with Nelson Mandela, but I put Jeremy Hammond there. Mandela served 27 years in prison. Now, people say that was wrong and that we as a world are better now. In retrospect, it is easy to see that one of the best men, a bellwether of morality and decency, was imprisoned for trying to improve his society.

Things are cyclical, and the U.S. is now in a dire condition of violence, repression, surveillance, economic collapse. Twenty years ago, I never imagined the U.S. would be as messed-up as it is now. The now-weekly mass shootings are a vivid indication that things are not right. Do we imprison those who try to make a positive change, if by some underground resistance? Do we take a young man with high intelligence and a deep relentless moral energy, and put him in prison? That decision is up to you, Judge Preska. As a lawyer, mother, grandmother, computer user, Chicagoan, I am asking you to free Jeremy Hammond so he can come back to Chicago and help make it a better place.

Respectfully,  
Signed electronically: /Susan Basko/  
Susan Basko

Honorable Loretta A. Preska

Chief Judge

Southern District of NY

500 Pearl Street

New York, NY 10007

October 7th 2008

Dear Judge Preska:

I am a registered nurse and am activist. I became interested in this case of Jeremy Hammond with recent crack down in cyber "crime" activities that has a lot of implications for journalism if President is not. Done ->



The disproportionate treatment here and one gets a sense that Mr Hammond is the subject of an example being set.

The CFMA is very stringent in regulation and this is concerning where freedom of information is concerned. As an RN, I'm concerned his imprisonment for this length of time clearly is disproportionate to what is appropriate time served.

Mr Hammond has pleaded guilty, we know. It would be a shame to send a message to the world that is consistent in our usual universal punishment, we are in a unique position in our progression to do no harm. Please be lenient on Jeremy Hammond. We thank you for taking the time to read this...

Best Sincerely,  
B onaltes  
RN OCN

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 12, 2013

GREETING: Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Sara Berken, I am a mother, a wife, a daughter, and a sister. I work full time as a corporate special investigator in the insurance industry fighting Medicare and Medicaid fraud, waste, and abuses that plague our system and have helped increase taxpayer money being wasted at an alarming rate. I have helped collect useable evidence in the successful prosecution of physicians and pharmacies running pill mills, identity theft by organized crime rings, collusion, and kick-back schemes. I am also a full time student working long and hard on the path to becoming an attorney.

I first became aware of this case with the death of Aaron Swartz. I became very upset by the over-reaching and aggressiveness of which the Prosecutor acted to pursue a felony conviction and legal sentence that made no sense when one took a look at the crime committed and the harm it caused. While I am aware that Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. I find it terribly unjust that this crime was not only planned in detail, but also instigated by the very agency that is supposed to be protecting against such an act, the FBI. I also find it worrisome as a human being that Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland and in the United Kingdom were given treatment that is disparate, those who are already convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison, and some have already been released.

This young man has now already been detained 19 months since March of 2012, which is already longer than the entire sentence of his co-conspirators. I believe this young man, and his family have endured enough punishment and urge you to seriously consider the role that the FBI played in this crime. I do not think hacking peoples private information and making it public is an allowable infringement as I work with identity theft on a daily basis and know full well the damage it causes. But I also see that the white collar defendants of identity theft would never face a 10 year sentence on the cases I help to prosecute, so why is it a just sentence for an individual who committed this crime with no intention of committing identity theft or gaining anything monetarily. Jeremy's only intention in committing this crime was to free knowledge of criminal activities being discussed, planned and at times perpetrated with tax payer dollars by a private security contractor.

Please consider the fact that Jeremy's only motive in this crime was one of complete unselfishness, he stood to gain nothing. I urge you to consider the disproportionate sentences in our country as compared to those of our allied countries when you sentence Jeremy. I strongly plead with you to let this young man go home to his family and sentence him to time served (19 months to date).

Thank you,

Sara Berken  






October 13, 2013

The Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

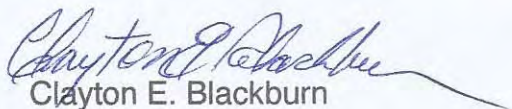
Dear Judge Preska:

I worked for the Department of Defense for 35 years before retiring in August 2011. My last duty assignment's responsibilities included the management of a small classified documents collection. Although no incidents involving leaks from this collection occurred during my tenure, I was made aware (in staff meetings) of the improper disposal of some highly sensitive Personally Identifiable Information (PII) by a lower-ranking Soldier on post. It was my understanding that he discarded these records improperly because of orders from a supervisor but that he would be the one to suffer the brunt of punishment for the mishap. This tendency to enforce laws and regulations strictly with low ranking military personnel and low grade civilian employees while exempting higher ranking individuals and highly-paid contractor personnel from responsibilities for security breaches and other misconduct, willful or not, appeared to be a common occurrence. The seemingly unfair nature of this practice has worried me throughout my career.

I am aware that Jeremy Hammond has pled guilty to a violation of the *Computer Fraud and Abuse Act*. Because of my experience, though, I feel compelled to urge you to avoid disparate treatment of Mr. Hammond by not imposing a long prison sentence on him. My understanding is that his co-defendants in Ireland will not be prosecuted at all and those already convicted in the United Kingdom will not spend more than 16 months in prison.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Respectfully,

  
Clayton E. Blackburn

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 15, 2014:

Dear Judge Preska:

I am writing you on behalf of Jeremy Hammond, an activist from Chicago, Illinois who recently pleaded guilty to a myriad of charges related to his admitted role with regards to alleged computer crimes lobbed by the federal government.. As a journal at an international news organization and as a freelance writer specializing in security issues, I have written heavily about Mr. Hammond's case during the last year-and-a-half. Not only have I discussed the case in terms of Jeremy's crimes, however, but also because his actions have helped attribute heavily to the public record. Mr. Hammond's actions have included, as I'm sure you're aware, liberating information about numerous secretive activities of utmost journalistic worth which may never have gone reported had it not been for his role.

Guilt aside, I am asking for your leniency when sentencing Mr. Hammond soon, as I believe international parties have determined time and time again that the charges that Jeremy pleaded guilty to do not warrant an extensive time behind bars. This individual has proven to be nonviolent and an ideal inmate, from what I've been told, and I believe he should be treated accordingly.

Best,

Andrew Blake  
Journalist

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
United States District Court for Southern New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 13, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I am writing in regards to the sentencing of Jeremy Hammond. I am aware that Mr. Hammond has pled guilty to violating 18 U.S.C § 1030, the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. I ask that the Court grant Mr. Hammond leniency in its sentence.

As a library information and computer networking specialist by training, I became interested in Mr. Hammond's case as it impacts information freedom and the internet as a communications medium. I have followed his case since his arrest.

Mr. Hammond's co-defendants in Ireland and the United Kingdom will spend no more than 16 months in prison for the same offense. Some have already been released. Mr. Hammond has served 19 months already, eight of those in solitary confinement.

The Computer Fraud and Abuse Act gives corporations greater protections than it grants individuals. The actual financial damage to the corporation affected is less than claimed by it and Mr. Hammond's sentence should reflect the actual impact of his offense.

Mr. Hammond's offense was committed against a private intelligence organization engaged in activities which could be described as properly belonging to the powers of government. Because of the political nature of this corporation's activities, Mr. Hammond's actions must be viewed in light of civil activism. The information revealed by Mr. Hammond was intended to bring the intelligence activities of this corporation to public attention.

Mr. Hammond did not benefit financially from his actions which were politically motivated. His actions follow a long tradition of civil disobedience in this country. I believe Hammond acted in what he believed was the best interest of the American people by revealing the role played by private intelligence corporations in our lives. Justice will be best served by granting leniency to this young man.

Sincerely,

Christopher R. Brady

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Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Monday, October 14 2013

Dear Judge Preska,

I write to you today out of fear. Fear not only for the fate of Jeremy Hammond, but for the future of online activity. The CFAA is an outdated law with patchwork amendments that fail to be relevant in the Internet age. Its maximum penalty of 10 years per count and wide range of possible violations, some of which for seemingly innocuous everyday behavior such as terms of service violation, make it positively terrifying. I cannot in good conscience allow Jeremy Hammond to go to sentencing without adding my voice to others asking for leniency in your sentencing.

To be more specific and on topic to Jeremy Hammond's case, Mr. Hammond was doing what he thought was right and could and should be considered as performing an act of civil disobedience. Whether he knew he might be violating a statute, I do not know. What I do know is the information that Mr. Hammond uncovered [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I also know that the computers that held that information have been deemed protected, yet had no protection. I know that the treatment of his co-defendants in Ireland and the UK have ranged from non-prosecution to 16 months. I know that Mr. Hammond has been held in solitary confinement for much of his time awaiting sentencing. Lastly, I know that the CFAA affords many more rights to corporations spying on individuals than it does individuals keeping tabs on corporations.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Phillip Bray  
[REDACTED]

From: Elizabeth Brett [REDACTED]  
Subject: **RE: Jeremy Hammond Letter to Judge Preska**  
Date: October 13, 2013 12:58:58 PM EDT  
To: [REDACTED]

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copied here and attached. Thank you.

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 12, 2013

Dear Judge Preska,

I am an independent investigative journalist in the Washington, DC area. I am a long time resident of Chevy Chase, Maryland and I am the single parent of a young adult son. I understand that Jeremy Hammond has plead guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act but I believe that Jeremy Hammond should be treated with compassion and leniency in sentencing.

I do not personally know Jeremy Hammond, but I know of him and his deep belief in equal rights of all human beings and rejection of fascist, racist and neo-Nazi ideology and in that I am a supporter. I also know that Jeremy is one of our brightest and most gifted youths in the US today and his mind, knowledge and talents can be put to good and positive use.

Judge Preska, our most creative and talented youth are being threatened with extreme sentences and suffering abusive prosecution – even committing suicide due to a judicial system that does not understand the current technology and has laws that are far out-dated. We are bleeding our next generation dry. I see it time after time. While none of these kids – yes kids to me – is perfect, none of us are. I truly believe that Jeremy was unduly influenced – quite possibly entrapped – to join in something he did not want to participate in.

This young man can be redirected with support. He did not commit a violent crime. He is an idealist for good causes supporting freedom of speech which is fully part of our Constitution.

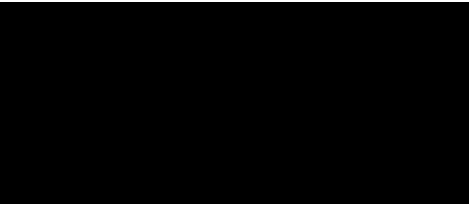
Please Judge Preska, be lenient in your sentencing of Jeremy Hammond. He can do wonderful things to help children, oppressed communities, really anywhere that needs the assistance of his amazing technical expertise. To imprison a mind like Jeremy's is to waste a great American resource. Please consider this when you sentence him. Ten thousand hours of community service could change lives – Even a day in prison helps no one.

I am so, so very sorry that Jeremy was ever involved in the Stratfor hack. If I had been his mother I can truly say he would not have been. No doubt if you were his mother he would not have been either. Please consider this when you review his case for sentencing. Jeremy Hammond is a young man who is top of the list for rehabilitation.

Thank you for your time Judge Preska.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth G. Brett





Dominick Bruno Jr.  


Judge Preska,

My name is Dominick Bruno. I am writing to you today to ask for leniency in the sentencing of Jeremy Hammond. With the exception of attending his court appearances and hearing stories from his family and loved ones, I have never met Jeremy. After hearing of his arrest, and researching the man, however, I have publicly supported him from the first available opportunity.

I will endeavor to briefly explain some of the reasons why, in the hopes that this letter will join others in tipping the Scales of Justice towards leniency.

Jeremy has shown himself to be a highly intelligent young man driven entirely by his convictions. Whether those convictions align with United States government policy or not should be of no consequence in the matter of his sentencing. After all, his actions would still be illegal had they been carried out in alignment with US government policy involving a hostile entity. Indeed, Jeremy is unique amongst the defendants in that he was the only one motivated purely by non-violent political motives - what many consider the modern equivalent of civil disobedience. If you must consider his convictions in any manner in his sentencing, may I respectfully suggest their consideration as a mitigating factor and not as an enhancer.

Similarly, I feel the non-violent political nature of his crime warrants sentencing on the lower spectrum of possibilities. The CFAA was developed primarily with extreme concerns of national infrastructure security and security of the nation's financial infrastructure, and contains sentencing guidelines reflecting the dire nature of these concerns. As embarrassing as the Stratfor material may prove to be, it should not be a matter of national security. It's my opinion that no publicly known and advertised private intelligence contractor should have access to national security level material.

In closing, I pray the words of Pericles inspire you as they have myself in this case, "If we look to the laws, they afford equal justice to all in their private differences; if no social standing, advancement in public life falls to reputation for capacity, class considerations not being allowed to interfere with merit; nor again does poverty bar the way". These words, Judge Preska, spoken in 431 BC, provide a worthy ideal for we, as a Nation, to strive for. Cases such as Mr. Hammond's will be the test of what we have achieved towards that ideal.

I thank you for your time and attention,  
sincerely,  
Dominick Bruno Jr.



[REDACTED]  
October, 8<sup>th</sup> 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Preska:

I am a high school history teacher and board member of the local ACLU chapter in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. I have a deep interest in all matters relating to the Bill of Rights, especially Amendments 1,4,5,6 & 8. Mr. Hammond took a brave stance to educate our citizenry about the abuses of the Bill of Rights, especially the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment. For that he has pled guilty and served almost two years in prison. I am writing to ask for leniency for Mr. Hammond.

I know Mr. Hammond has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. However, I consider Mr. Hammond a hero for exposing the abuses of power of private corporations such as Stratfor. A corporation is not a person, and to extend more safeguards for corporations than individual citizens makes a mockery of our system of laws. He deserves the compassion awarded a patriot who disregarded his own safety for the betterment of the rest of us, who may have been to cowardly to stand up in the face of injustice on our own.

Furthermore, Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland will not be prosecuted and in the United Kingdom, those who are already convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison. Mr. Hammond has served almost two years already. Two years is enough when there is no punishment forthcoming for corporations who walk all over the Bill of Rights. He deserves leniency.

Corporations make obscene profits from their greed and avarice and presently have no reason to fear private citizens who speak up. Jeremy Hammond never sought to profit one bit from his politically-motivated act of civil disobedience. Punishing Mr. Hammond more than time already served will have the effect of silencing whistle blowers in the future. He has admitted guilt and served plenty of time for his crime. I ask again for mercy for Mr. Hammond.

Sincerely,

  
Myron Buchholz

John B. Burnett

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Re: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR JEREMY HAMMOND

Dear Judge Preska:

I am an ordained cantor at St Nicholas Orthodox Church in San Anselmo, CA, a concerned citizen and taxpayer, and former Dean of two seminaries in Africa.

I'm interested in the case of Jeremy Hammond because I believe, with Tom Paine, that a free press is the foundation of a free society.

Mr Hammond has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. Written before the Internet was even created, this outdated law gives absurdly broad powers to corporations and prosecutors to criminalize an array of online activity and pursue extreme and disproportionate sentences against those who violate it. Mr Hammond faces a sentence that may be as long as *ten years*. This egregious, cruel, and unusual treatment— usually reserved for such persons as rapists and murderers is wildly disproportionate to his actual 'wrongdoing' and out of line with similar sentencing in other civilized nations. Mr Hammond leaked information from the private intelligence firm Strategic Forecasting ('Stratfor'),

It is of course ludicrous to imagine that corporate and government criminals would report their own wrongdoing; so it is *essential* that persons like Mr Hammond investigate and blow whistles when the government or its associates are violating human rights. Such activity is heroic and of great service to a free nation.

In fact Mr Hammond's 'crime' was an act of civil disobedience— a protest against an encroaching surveillance state that endangers our nation and indeed, the whole human race at the present time. In other words, his crime is *dissent*— and in that, he joins other genuine heroes of democracy such as Julian Assange and Edward Snowden. As such, obviously, his work has been of great benefit to free persons everywhere.

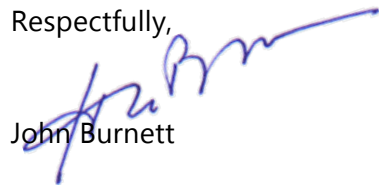
Naturally, however, the surveillance state and its allies and retainers and managers are not happy with his actions, and that is why he's now up for sentencing. I urge you to make the right kind of 'example' out of Mr Hammond— one that says that patriots will be respected.

The protection that the CFAA affords to corporations is far in excess than those it affords to individuals who may be subjected to surveillance by private corporations such as Stratfor. Therefore it devolves upon the courts to assert balance.

Mr Hammond got no financial gain from his actions. He undertook them strictly out of a genuine patriotism and civil disobedience. One may or may not agree with them, but one must respect the motive.

Therefore I urge you to exercise the utmost leniency in sentencing Mr Hammond. It's a sad day for our Republic that we have even come to this.

Respectfully,



John Burnett

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 6, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I'm an artist and concerned citizen writing a letter of support for Jeremy Hammond. I'm connected to Jeremy only as a friend of a friend—we've exchanged some letters, but at most we are acquaintances. That being said, I feel compelled to add a letter of support to Jeremy's case asking for leniency in his sentencing.

Jeremy didn't seek financial or personal benefit from his actions. His motivations were political, intended as a form of civil disobedience—an act of speech, pursued not for personal gain but as an act of conscience. While Jeremy has pled guilty, the sentence he receives for his actions should reflect his intentions.

The limited communications I've had with Jeremy demonstrate to me that he's a conscientious and compassionate person, who will contribute tremendously positive things to society after serving his sentence. A lenient sentence will mean he can make those contributions sooner than later.

Thank you for taking the time to review my letter of support.

Best,

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Ingrid Burrington

From: Laura Bush [REDACTED]  
Subject: **Letter of Leniency for Jeremy Hammond**  
Date: October 14, 2013 9:12:25 PM EDT  
To: [REDACTED]

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Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

10/14/2013

Dear Judge Preska,

As a concerned citizen, concerned with the nature of our justice system and the message that it is sending to the American public, I write to you in reference to the case of Jeremy Hammond. Like Hammond, I share the idea of a transparent government and acting not only with a code of conscience towards others, but also with myself. It is perhaps because of this that I sympathize with the defendant and therefore ask for your leniency upon sentencing. This young man has been quoted as saying "his goal was to shed light on how the government works behind closed doors."

When I began writing this letter, I asked myself, "What did he have to gain in comparison to what the government has to gain by keeping alleged truth-seekers incarcerated?" Whatever may be the reason for both parties, a lengthy sentence of a man whose goal was to keep our government honest would perpetuate the conspicuous image of the American judicial system. 97 out of 100 rapist serve no time in jail. Hammond has already been in solitary confinement and denied bail. Is the message that we want to send something along the lines of "If you question the government, if you commit a crime in the pursuit of seeking authenticity and integrity of the government, we will persecute you more severely than the most violent illegalities committed" ?

Thank You for your time and consideration of my perspective. I hope that after sentencing this young man, you feel proud of the decision you have made.

Sincerely,

Laura Bush

Manhattan, KS

Honorable Loretta Preska  
Chief Judge, United States District Court for New York

Dear Judge Preska,

I am a journalist. I write for Vice and Muckraker.com among others. I am very familiar with Jeremy's case and because of that familiarity I write today to ask you for leniency when you pronounce his sentence.

You know the facts of Jeremy Hammond's case better than anyone, so I won't waste your time by reciting them to you. I'm pretty sure in the letters you've already received, Jeremy's friends and family have expressed their love for him. Their greatest hopes and worst fears are resting solely on you now. That must weigh heavily on your mind, every day.

On top of what's best for Jeremy, you also have to do what you think is best for all of us, the public, especially the people of New York City, that you've faithfully served for many years. I want to say that I truly hope the sentence you pass down is the right one and that you're confident in that decision, whatever it may be, for as long as Jeremy remains in your thoughts.

While you're considering his sentence, I'd like to request that you keep Jeremy's kind heart on your mind. Imagine all the ways this bright young man can contribute and better our society. I hope that you can see it and know what we all stand to lose by locking him away.

Yes, Jeremy has made mistakes, but there is room for leniency in this case. He's worthy of a second chance. I know that. I know that he will surprise you one day.

Signed,

*Cordell J. Cameron*

Cordell J. Cameron  




Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 2, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Ian Campbell. I've lived in Brooklyn for the past seven years, and during that time I've worked as a low income housing social worker in the city. I became interested in the case against Jeremy Hammond because I believe that Mr. Hammond did what he did because he believed that he was doing the right thing, and I think that he might believe in some basic rights in which I too believe. I believe that the American People have a right to know what the government is doing in their name. I believe that the American People have a right to conduct lawful activities without being spied on by their government. I believe that all people, regardless of their nationality, religion, or race, have a right to live free from violence and oppression. I'm aware that Mr. Hammond pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. It is my belief, however, that Mr. Hammond deserves leniency in sentencing because he did what he did not for profit or personal gain, but to try to expose what he saw as wrongdoing. I also believe that the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act is an outdated law, and some of Mr. Hammond's co-defendants in other countries will not spend more than 16 months in prison. In closing, I ask again for you to consider these factors before sentencing Mr. Hammond.

Sincerely,



Ian Campbell



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

10-10-2013

Dear Honorable Judge Preska:

I am the founding director of LaPrez Productions, LLC and have been working for the last fifteen years in visual media that highlights issues of social and environmental importance and narrative film of marginalized stories. I have taught digital video production in social programs with New York City high school students and am a yoga teacher and mother. I continually educate myself, stay on top of current events and believe that it is a citizen's duty to be involved in our democratic state and each in her own way. Within my own daily life and underlying any class, film or other project I pursue, is my driving ethical code. One must attempt to act from the smallest of actions to the most grandiose with the highest integrity and honesty. One must stand up for justice and protect those with less power. It is not okay to stand by and witness wrongs and do nothing about them. I believe in the constitution and I believe in justice.

I understand that Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. I also understand that Jeremy's intentions are pure. There is a major problem happening in this country right now. Under the drum beat of anti-terrorism, our land of the free is being dismantled. Short sighted (at least by what the American people are told as the justification) systematic and reactionary, authoritarian and anti-democratic modals are implemented both at home and abroad. Terrorist organizations have received fuel for the fire and are larger than ever as our constitution, union, honor and faith is trampled upon. It has somehow become the norm that unprecedentedly rich and large private corporations are above the law and have profound influence with the law as citizen's rights and the well being of all humankind is disregarded at best and at worst thrown to the side for profit. This is affecting us all. It is an epidemic. Jeremy did not want money. Jeremy wanted to reveal lies and contemptuous conspiratorial behavior because he believed citizens needed to know about it.

Jeremy broke the law and laws must be abided by or if disagreed with, changed through legal process. However, how do we affect something/one that acts invisibly, above the law and even with governmental cooperation? Through out history, many of our most celebrated and respected members and sung heroes of society have taken the tough choice to break the law when deemed necessary to correct systematic injustice. And if it were not for these citizens of conscience, our country might never have been founded, women might still not be able to vote, African Americans might still be slaves and among many other examples Watergate would never have been exposed. These citizen's are catalysts for change that is greatly needed. We are in an age of technology ~ the internet. A new tool fully understood by the new generations.

How do we work to ensure a bright future for my daughter and all children with liberty and justice for all? I believe that it is because of people like Jeremy Hammond who aligned with their conscience act with the best of intentions to expose truth, that we have more hope to do so. They shine a light on serious problems that must be addressed by the American people and full global community. When injustice prevails as untouchable, in-concrete; when actions of nations, it's representatives and businesses do not align with their rhetoric especially in a land such as ours that boasts such high principles, the hypocrisy fuels global unrest and it undermines the very foundation, stability and future of our country.

I beg of you to consider going upstream and changing the tide. Please consider the entire over arcing situation which comes more into focus daily as information leaked by whistleblowers illustrate. There is a depth of deprave illegal secrets and lies which is incredibly profound. The American people have a right to see through this thick veil of invisibility, secrets, conspiratorial actions and uncover the covert

operations rampantly taking place under our name and affecting the very fabric of our society. Only then can we hope to ever be able to contemplate and discuss the proper course of action we should take, imperative in a democracy. The young people of today should fight for our great dream of a nation. Every generation must dream of a better tomorrow and work to get it and if they don't, our nation's continued strength is doomed. Please have mercy with Jeremy's sentence.

Thank you very much for considering.

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Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
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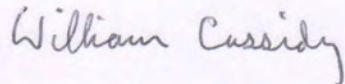
October 14, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I am a web programmer from Charlottesville, VA. I became interested in Jeremy's case when I started learning about security techniques from Jeremy's site, [hackthissite.org](http://hackthissite.org). While I do not know what he is like personally, I can guess, based on the thoroughness and seeming care taken with the lessons on the site, that he is a considerate guy. He has an impressive understanding of security concepts and instead of adopting a stand-offish or reclusive attitude that many "hacker" types seem to show, he seems quite willing to share and exert effort to instruct.

Please show him mercy at the November sentencing, remembering that he has already served 18 months, and his co-defendants in the United Kingdom and Ireland will not spend more than 16 months in prison.

Sincerely,



William Cassidy

Return Address:

Michael P. Castellaneta



Hon. Loretta Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl St.  
New York, New York 10007

October 9, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I am writing to you on behalf of Jeremy Hammond, a person whom I do not know personally. Nonetheless, as a fellow Chicagoan and advocate for social justice and personal liberty, I urge this Court to treat Mr. Hammond with compassion and mercy in sentencing.

I am a graduate of Northwestern School of Law ('90) and a former member of the California Bar. I have had personal experience litigating the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. I am familiar with the Act and its legislative purpose.

One aspect of litigation CFAA claims is the difficulty in establishing actual damages. I would be shocked to learn that any real physical damage had been done to Stratfor's computer system. I suspect that the damages, such as they were, arose from the embarrassment due to the breach and the disclosure of the information to the public. It might also have made Stratfor's ability to obtain lucrative, tax payer funded contracts with the government—an ironic concern given that the locus of their complaint is the dispersal of their information to that very same public.

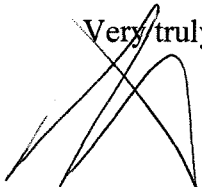
While perhaps not de minimis, those damages hardly merit more incarceration than Jeremy has already endured. He is but one man; Stratfor and the federal government are mighty.

Jeremy did not profit from his actions, nor was profit his intent. He acted out of the highest motives and best traditions of our freedom loving nation. Heaping additional prison time on a peaceful, intelligent and ethically motivated young man would be a shame—especially given the leniency granted his co-conspirators.

Hon. Loretta Preska  
October 10, 2013

As you know better than most, “justice” can be elusive. Likewise, vengeance is inappropriate. But what is neither elusive nor inappropriate in Jeremy’s case is mercy. I therefore urge you in all good conscience to issue a sentence to Mr. Hammond that conforms to the minimum possible under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, and under the most favorable and clement conditions possible.

~~Very~~ truly yours,

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Mike Castellana, J.D.



From: Angel Clark [REDACTED]  
Subject: **Letter for Jeremy**  
Date: October 14, 2013 12:46:01 AM EDT  
To: [REDACTED]

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Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 14, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Angel Clark. I am a talk radio host and journalist out of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. As a journalist and radio host, I believe that free speech is extremely important. I also feel very strongly about rights. I believe that Jeremy Hammond truly believed he was acting in the best interest of the people when he leaked information about Strategic Forecasting.

Whistle-blowing has become a debated term in today's society, mainly because most people cannot agree on who is and is not a whistle-blower. The line between a whistle-blower and a traitor is a thin one (as many have learned lately). I could write of Jeremy's character, but I never met Jeremy. I can tell you what his actions imply about his character.

Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." Jeremy, it seems, did not want to accept the guilty conscience he would have had to live with had he kept silent. He had no financial gain for his actions.

I am writing to ask you for leniency for Jeremy. Jeremy does not deserve to spend a decade in a cage for his actions. I beg you to consider what your actions would have been in the same situation.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Angel Clark  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 11, 2013

Dear Honorable Judge Preska:


My name is Mitchell Cohan.; I'm a college student majoring in Forensic Anthropology with a minor in leadership. I am at a college in Florida. I am an activist within the community of Tampa and have helped to start and run many different programs and groups.

I write to you today in about the upcoming sentencing of Jeremy Hammond. While Mr. Hammond has admitted to his crimes and therefore pled guilty; I would hope that his noble motivations for this so-called crime are considered in his sentencing. Jeremy is an activist. He is the greatest kind of activist. He truly is helping bring the truth to the world. I have the opinion that locking away Mr. Hammond is a horrible thing to do; he has put himself on the line to help bring the truth to the humans of this world. Jeremy is the perfect example of the type of people that are needed in this country and world. They are the agents of change. The information Jeremy leaked to the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I believe that what Jeremy did was right and he was just trying to expose those companies' out there which are abusing the system in place. Jeremy fights for what we should have the right to know as a country. Jailing him for an extensive amount of time in its self should be a crime. If you give Jeremy the maximum time for his sentence you will be sending a shiver down the spines of Americans. It will say that we cannot even know the truth of what our government and major corporations are up-to.

In conclusion I feel that the right to information and freedom of information should be more important than the freedom of a man. Jeremy Hammond brought this to our attention and he should there for not be punished. Jeremy had no financial gain from this activity; he did not do this to bring attention on himself only on the attention of those who are not doing right. We must realize that rapists are getting more time in prison these days than hackers and activists, this is wrong.

Sincerely,



Mitchell Cohan  
Eckerd College Class 2016  
Registered Voter



Dear Judge Preska,

My name is Peter Creekmore and I am a musician and music teacher living in New Jersey. While I am not personally acquainted with Jeremy Hammond I am interested in his case. As an American citizen I am invested in the direction of the policies and laws of the country. In this way Mr. Hammond's case affects not only myself and my fellow citizens, but the future of the treatment of these cases through precedent.

After being much maligned by the media and his incarcerators, I believe that Mr. Hammond should be given leniency with respect to his sentencing. A perpetrator of what most people who understand the facts of the case and his infraction would call a 'crime of conscience,' he has been used as an example of domestic terrorism, which I believe is inaccurate. While being motivated by his principles in the releasing of the Stratfor files, he did not do it out of malevolence, quite the opposite. The release of the Stratfor files was in fact a representation of a strong drive to improve the world in which he lives.

It is my sincere hope, your honor, that you take these and many of the other points brought by people who know Mr. Hammond closely to heart when sentencing.

Thank you for time.  
Peter Creekmore  
Jersey City, NJ

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Subject: **Jeremy Hammond**  
Date: October 12, 2013 12:19:07 PM EDT  
To: [REDACTED]

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Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

12 October 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I am writing today about Jeremy Hammond.

I am a retired senior living on Social Security. I spent my career as a designer and fine art consultant. I am also a civil rights activist and have followed Mr Hammond's case closely. I am gravely concerned about government and corporate secrecy and intrusion in our lives. Mr Hammond's actions revealed some very disturbing government and corporate activities which, I believe, it was my right to know.

Mr Hammond's actions were in the service of the public's right to know. He did not benefit financially in any way.

I understand Mr. Hammond has pled guilty to offences under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. His co-defendants in Ireland and the United Kingdom have received appropriately sentences. I am concerned that Mr. Hammond's sentence be in proportion to any offence that may have occurred. As Mr Hammond has already been incarcerated for more than a year, much of it in solitary confinement, I ask that you limit his sentence to time already served.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to my request.

Yours sincerely,  
Diana Davies

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Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Sunday, October 13, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

Hello and thank you for taking the time to read and consider my letter! My name is Denica De Foy and I am a resident of California. I have held a few different jobs so far including former radio host, gardener, waitress, and caregiver for my disabled sister. During the course of the last few years, and more so during my time on the radio, I have seen an alarming increase in what I feel are harsh and cruel punishments handed down to some of our most talented young people in America. Instead of a focus on rehabilitation and a rejoining of a productive society there seems to be a vicious crack down and focus on vengeance because of undue fear of people with computer skills. I do understand that Mr. Hammond has pled "guilty" to a violation of the "Computer Fraud and Abuse Act," however, I do not believe this means that it is just to take years away from this bright young man.

You have it in your power to set an example - not of pain and unusually long sentences as has been the case in our country but not around the World - but to show that the spirit of innovation is alive in America, and if you make a mistake you can have a second chance. We should not lock up our most technologically savvy Americans because we are afraid of change. Change will come and we have to work together to be a part of this new World. I believe that the meaningful rehabilitation of people like Mr. Hammond is not only just but vital to our Democracy.

As we all move into this future we all have a part in shaping if this will be a place where people travel from around the World to innovate and create new business. By sending a technophobic message the USA would be saying that we no longer welcome that spirit which I feel has helped shape America today. Mr. Hammond made no personal gains by his actions and has shown remorse for what he has done. I truly believe that Mr. Hammond can either be a great example of change or a sad monument to what America once stood for. Again I thank Your Honor for considering the opinions of just another American as you all move forward.

Signed,



Denica C. De Foy



From: Pamela Drew [REDACTED]  
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Date: October 14, 2013 2:29:22 [REDACTED]  
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Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 13, 2013

Dear Honorable Judge Preska,

I am a New Yorker, a concerned citizen, a professional woman far closer to your own generation than Jeremy Hammond's. We have been witness to evolutionary social changes, from women's rights to the struggle for virtual freedoms. We have seen enormous changes with each decade that has passed, however, the fundamental struggles have a constant theme. The personal passion we hold for freedom is a fundamental part of our identity. Liberty and democracy are not an American brand; they are a birthright.

However, democracy is a messy process. It is complicated by the hundreds of millions of individuals, who are focused on issues and interests that are as diverse as our numbers. Our collective shifts are far clearer in retrospect, than in the moment. We hope that maturity provides us with the wisdom to be able to step back, and frame the events in the context of history. Standing with truth, and more uniform justice, is where the favorable light eventually shines.

Social change is a gradual process. It is marked by events and the development of tools. The economic engine, that is the Internet, has launched us into a virtual realm. That realm is tied inextricably to both the wheels of commerce and unlimited individual achievement. It offers anyone, with a connection, access to information and the ability to find others of like minded thought.

No opportunity for great reward comes without great risk. The Internet offers the opportunity for every form of human transgression to be transformed to exploit the tools of connectivity. We have all experienced dramatic growth in the availability of information. We have moved from information silos to networks that no longer rely on traditional media.

What began as a way to share volumes of information gave birth to a government run by and for contractors. The events of September 11, 2001 put the private information gathering machine on steroids and created a predictable opportunity for greed and exploitation.

Suddenly, we find ourselves in a position where taxpayers spend more per year to jail someone in New York City, than six full time fast food workers earn collectively in a year. We find a system where support service have become surveillance systems and unelected groups control our fate.

Many of us have unwittingly helped to create the broken system we are faced with now. As trans formative shifts occur around us, our career paths and experiences, obscure our place in the bigger picture.

We must take stock of how the balance of powers have strayed from protecting liberty. Obsession with security has fostered a system where it is acceptable for lucrative careers to be built on malicious, anti-democratic activity.

Our collective bond in this experiment of pursuing life, liberty and happiness, abhors secret powers and favored classes and the world wide web has reconfigured the opportunity to identify and challenge these threats to freedom.

Jeremy Hammond is an idealistic and impressionable young man who has shown an incredible empathy for the disadvantaged. From a very young age, he committed himself to improving the opportunities of others, by offering digital education tools and using his voice and talents to put light on injustices. He has never sought to profit personally from his amazing computer skills when opportunities for a six figure salary and gold plated benefits abound. His generosity, with sharing his time and talents with those who purport to have noble aims, makes him both a priceless asset to a civil society and a prime target for manipulation.

Jeremy is cut from the same cloth as the founders who dumped tea not data to sever ties with an entity that extracted compensation and control over people of free will. Fate and circumstance can cast people in unexpected roles of epic importance, and your Honor is poised to make a ruling that speaks to a technological generation. Each generation has paved the way for the next, with similar struggles, overturning laws that made segregation lawful or lesser pay for women standard practice.

Advances often flow from courageous decisions that see and embrace the inevitable tide turning for greater liberty. Leniency would be an act of great strength, that acknowledges an information generation, who have come of age as witness to egregious and unpunished acts of powerful financial interests. The technological generation are bound as global citizens, playing the same video games, using the same social media platforms, trading their individual obscurity for collective empowerment.

There are countless places where Jeremy Hammond can atone for his idealistically driven role in an FBI operation, to liberate evidence of an entity betraying the public trust. As a citizen who has enough cyber skills to do little more than email, it is easy to empathize with the fear that this unknown technology unleashes in unseen realms. We cannot stop the information evolution and cannot legislate the risks away. However, what we can do, is allow the generation who dominate the virtual realms help us see the way forward, with equitable treatment for all digital violations.



Let us ask ourselves if the authors of our Constitution would have defended covert corporate power over acts that force transparency. Would the authors of our Constitution view rebelling against a new ruling class as an act of lawlessness deserving of harsh punishment or transgression rooted in great patriotism?

History shows the universal desire for freedom eventually triumphs over regimes that limit liberty. My hope is that Your Honor will be able to look beyond the narrow focus of CFAA laws designed for electronic bank robbers and see the crime in the context of sharing information to better inform the public and advance democracy in a digital age.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my rationale for leniency in the sentencing of Jeremy Hammond.

Cordially,

Pamela Drew

New York City

BERNADETTE EVANGELIST



August 25 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Preska:

I am appealing to you as an ordinary citizen, single parent, and self-employed graphic designer, very concerned with the unrelenting pressure our government is bringing to bear on some very young people who are using the Internet as political dissent and, in their minds, exposing truths for the public good.

Jeremy Hammond, who is facing a possible decade in prison for a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, is one such case. Although I do not know Jeremy personally, all things point to that fact that this young man's actions arose from a sense of justice and for no financial gain. He has the great potential to be a productive member of society if he is returned to his family rather than made to spend any more tortuous time in jail.

I hope you will bring the utmost compassion to your consideration of Jeremy's sentence.

Respectfully,

*Bernadette Evangelist*  
Bernadette Evangelist

From: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Letter on behalf of Jeremy Hammond  
Date: October 13, 2013 11:14:26 AM [REDACTED]  
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October 13, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I have spent over ten years in healthcare fighting for patient rights and saving lives. While obtaining my doctorate I have realized that it is important to continue fighting to make the world a better place even though there are so many things wrong with it and so many parts of our system that do not serve us or our communities. Fighting for human rights and democracy is something that must be fought for continuously or those with the most money, power and influence will take our rights away.

I do not personally know Jeremy Hammond. He was charged with the computer fraud and abuse act, which is an outdated law created before the Internet even existed. We lived in a very different world then and the Internet has evolved immensely.

I believe his intentions were good and made public welfare the priority. He has already paid a substantial personal price.

Strategic Forecasting is still extremely wealthy and continues business as usual. In short, the company is fine.

The United States needs transparency so that there can be democracy. In America, democracy and human rights must supersede corporate profits. The freedom of the Internet is at stake and intertwined with Internet freedom is the freedom of everyone in the United States and throughout the world. These disclosures along with disclosures from others like Edward Snowden reveal the out of control nature of our nation's surveillance state. The Internet is something that younger generations have grown up with and it is a tool that those over the age of forty fail to fundamentally understand. We are in essence programmed with a new way of seeing and thinking because of the Internet and its use becomes guided by our moral compasses. Please grant him leniency. Thank you for taking the time to read this request.

Respectfully,

Dr. David Factor  
[REDACTED]

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

10/01/13

Dear Judge Preska,

My name is Cassandra Fairbanks, I am a mother from Southern California. I wanted to write to say that I am aware that Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, but I truly hope that you have compassion when sentencing him. He was acting on his conscience in an attempt to make the world better for us all, and it would be really beautiful if the court would have a conscience as well and release him with time served.

Jeremy is a very bright and caring young man and given an opportunity I think he could do great things with his life. What he did, while illegal, wasn't done out of greed or for personal gain, he isn't a monster, and it would be truly heartbreaking to see him get more time than many pedophiles and violent criminals with malicious intents.

When you sentence him, please remember that what he did was a nonviolent act of civil disobedience. Is that really a crime you should lose a decade of your life over? Please do the right thing.

Sincerely,

 10/01/13

Cassandra Fairbanks

Oct 14, 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge

Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Joseph Fionda and I am a 29 year old actor, film producer, and former insurance and finance industries employee who has always been fascinated with the cyberworld. I closely followed a timeline on the internet that began with the Tunisian Revolution in December of 2010 up to this day, which included the actions peripheral to those that Jeremy plead out to at Southern District of New York court on May 28th, 2013. I am writing to you, Your Honor, to recommend a drastically reduced sentence for Jeremy Hammond based on your discretion.

There were many significant issues with the case that I took issue to in United States v. Jeremy Hammond. Mr. Hammond was held without bail under your discretion, which you cited his use of the Tor internet protocol address masking software, making him "more dangerous than a pedophile". Beyond this statement being factually inaccurate, millions of people around who aren't criminals use Tor to mask their computer's IP addresses to fend off malicious cyberattacks. Putting users of a software originally developed by the US Naval Research Laboratory in an entire criminal class is a misguided judgment, and said judgment contributed to Mr. Hammond's lengthy and restrictive pre-trial incarceration.

As a result of the terms of his pre-trial incarceration at the Manhattan Detention Center, Mr. Hammond's ability to mount a defense was significantly hampered by the Bureau of Prison's inability to provide him with enough time with a computer. It is my understanding that he had to make a request every day, and that more often than not, his request could not be met in a timely manner. When his requests were met, he would have limited time with the computer, provided that his legal counsel could be actually be arranged to be with him. My understanding is that by the time of his plea on 5/28/2013, fifteen (15) months into his pre-trial incarceration, that Mr. Hammond had a grand total of eleven (11) hours to work with one terabyte (1TB) of discovery material that included 3.5 million lines of text, fifty-nine thousand pages of chatlogs and up to forty-four thousand identities. My understanding based on the hearings I attended is that Mr. Hammond had only had 6 hours of time with his discovery material by the February 2012 motion to recuse hearing, and an additional 5 hours of time by the next hearing in April. I believe that with a less punitive pre-trial confinement, one in which Mr. Hammond was granted bail, closely monitored and had his movement restricted that he certainly could have made a more robust defense, and have faith in the system that such an arrangement could have been created.

Ultimately, I believe that the conditions of his pretrial confinement, along with the eight additional planned indictments in different jurisdictions the Department of Justice were

prepared to give him were so coercive as to give him more incentive to plead to a single charge of conspiracy to commit computer hacking. While this may not legally be an argument in the United States court system, and to note I am not a licensed attorney -- this is certainly the prevailing perception I have shared with those also closely following this case.

The court seemed to have pause for the points assessment in the federal sentencing guidelines for the number of victims of Mr. Hammond's hacking, as his defense was seemingly unsure of the number, while the government claimed after pause that there were over 250 victims. It doesn't appear to me that there are guidelines codified as to what exactly defines a victim of certain CFAA crimes, and rather that it is subjective to the interpretation of judges, prosecutions and defense teams. In United States v. Andrew Auernheimer, the government successfully argued that Mr. Auernheimer victimized 116,000 iPad users and 4,000 in the Eastern District of New Jersey, despite the fact he never publicly published the publicly available email addresses when transmitting them to a reporter. However, when Hammond argued for your recusal from the case in February 2012, your opinion that your husband, Thomas Kavalier of Cahill Gordon law firm, who was a Stratfor subscriber, was not a victim for having his email address published, along with potentially his credit card information, and therefore you should not have had to recuse yourself. If this is to be used as a precedent in the case, none of the over 1 million people who had their credentials or credit card information leaked should be considered as victims either. I would argue with this logic that the only victims in this case were the no more than 9 entities that Hammond admitted to hacking in the plea agreement, and that this should be taken into consideration in his sentencing.

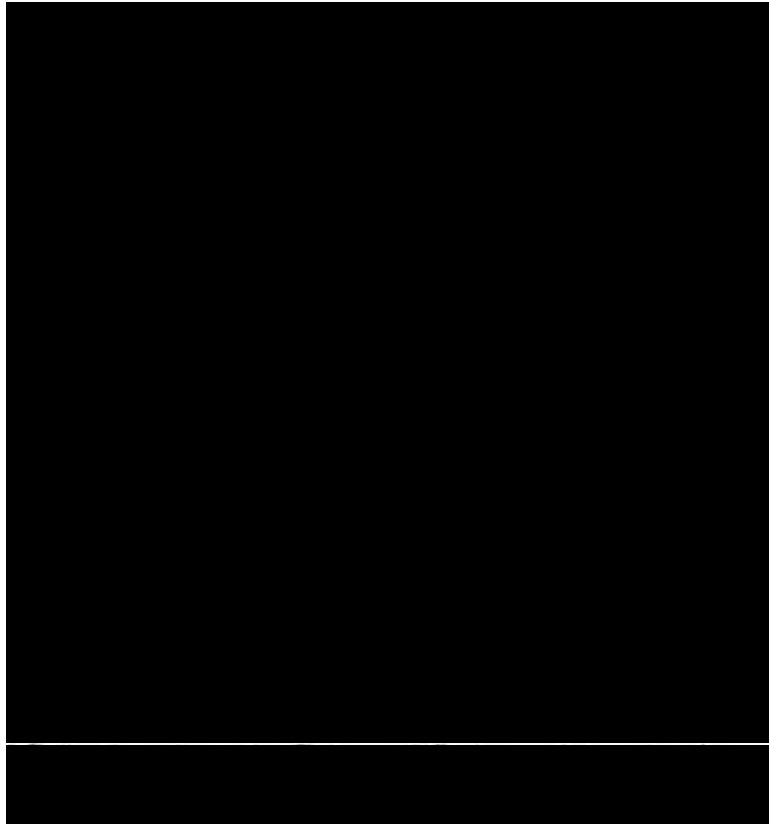
There is also consideration to be taken for the amount of damages that Hammond cause and is liable for that factors into his sentencing. The government has set the damages at between \$1 million and \$2.5 million, which is an extremely wide estimate. The nature of fees and billing in the IT world can vary wildly; you could get the same job for free from a 16 year old prodigy that you could get from a team of 5 experts billing \$100 an hour. The assessment of said damages can often be highly subjective. If the \$700,000 of false credit card charges to Stratfor are included in this assessment, it must be said that Stratfor was in flagrant violation of Payment Card Industry (PCI) regulatory compliance by storing the credit card information of their thousands of paid subscribers in plaintext format with their CCVs, without any sort of encryption whatsoever. Stratfor additionally purchased insurance policies from my previous employer that may have been meant to mitigate problems such as a intrusion of this order, rather than being in compliance with regulations.

To further address the violation of PCI regulations, there is the ever-lingering 800 pound gorilla in the room of the activities of informant Hector Xavier Monsegur Jr., aka Sabu, under direct supervision by the FBI. When Monsegur was arrested on June 7th, 2011, he immediately cooperated with the FBI and resumed operations under his Sabu persona, while assisting the FBI in various activities, some apparent, others yet still undisclosed. Monsegur used the Lulzsec handle to promote Operation Antisec -- "Anti-security". Anti-security was a niche movement amongst internet hackers started in the 1990s, dedicated to a non-disclosure of security exploits and vulnerabilities ostensibly to maintain security. Every single one of Hammond's hacks that he admitted to came under the Antisec banner that Monsegur promoted under, presumably, FBI direction. The missive was to attack and shame police and other sensitive sites who could not be bothered to have adequate internet security, in which it was undeniable Sabu was a co-conspirator as well as informant. Many of the hacks that



occurred, while seemingly being painted in the press as some new anarchic internet terror, upon closer inspection to those informed observers that the poor internet security culture many sensitive websites exhibited were truly cringeworthy, specifically that of and especially Stratfor.com, with the added political motivations for each.

The hack of Stratfor was one that could have been easily mitigated without serious incident had the website simply been taken offline and the exploit been closed. However, when the FBI notified Stratfor of the intrusion on the first day, the motive of Sabu and those directing him at the FBI appeared to have other intentions, as it has been noted in court papers that Sabu bought servers in New York for the data from the Stratfor hack to have been stored on<sup>1</sup>. With his assistance, Wikileaks ended up with the 5.2 million emails anyhow.



I make a big deal about the FBI's involvement in all of Hammond's Antisec hacks because it seemed to me, after years of pondering, that Antisec was entangled with a flawed National Security effort to counter foreign cyberespionage, and that Hammond was being used as a convenient vehicle to pursue this goal. Much has been gleaned from large scale hacks of defense contractors like HBGary - which Monsegur confessed in your closed court to committing - showing the pervasive extent to which Chinese military hackers, amongst other sovereign nations, have for years compromised our military, law enforcement, and countless American corporations, along with critical infrastructure. It is clear to the informed observer that the damage done by Mr. Hammond to a number of these companies, however, don't match the hype of the cries of cyberterrorism, and especially worth pointing out he did not attack critical infrastructure.

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I don't believe Hammond should be on the hook for that amount, or a large percentage of the potential costs associated with fixing issues associated with the compromised credit cards.

In light of the revelations of NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden, a new prism of context can be given to the hack of Stratfor. Mr. Hammond made allegations that that Mr. Monsegur was helping the US government direct hackers in and associated with Anonymous to attack foreign governments to illegally obtain data, and evidence of this has been partly corroborated in reporting by Glenn Greenwald of the NSA's spying programs<sup>2</sup>. Specifically, one incident documented in chatlogs around February of 2012

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<sup>2</sup> Greenwald to Brazil: Give Snowden Asylum <http://www.njherald.com/story/23649469/greenwald-to-brazil-give-asylum-to-snowden>

<sup>3</sup> [REDACTED]

I would also like to posit that Hammond's perceived or actual radical anarchist politics should be considered in the context that the action of the hack was undertaken not with the intention to publish credit card details or for financial gain but to expose what he potentially saw as shady political dealings and corruption. The political motivation of the hack, I believe, should result in a lesser sentence because Mr. Hammond's intentions were not explicit to cause financial damage.

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Finally, it must be said that the release of information from Stratfor itself has not adversely affected national security but has helped provide enormous insight for journalists to write thousands of stories using previously privileged, not confidential, information; privileged being used in the context where this information was to the public's benefit but constrained behind paywalls and subscriptions.

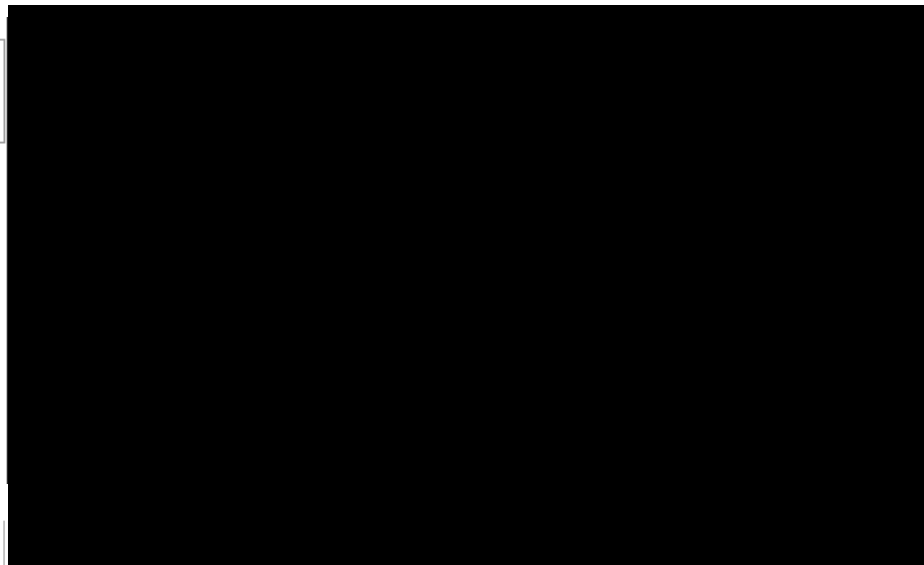
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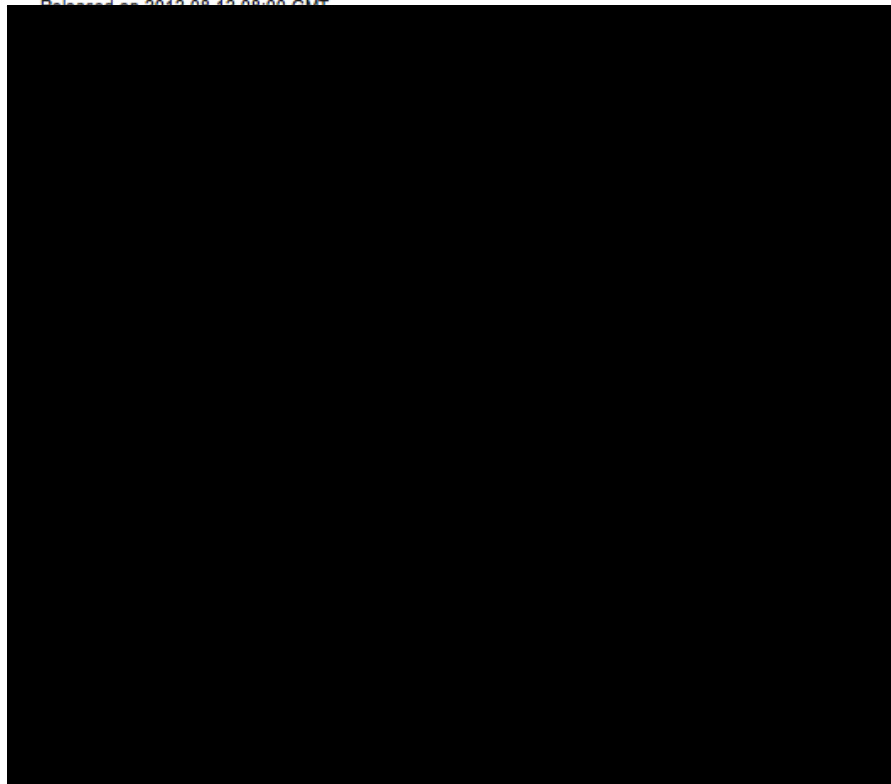
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It would be of great public benefit if Mr. Hammond and the public get to hear from Mr. Monsegur's handlers at the FBI their consideration of why the action against Stratfor was able to continue unabated, and additionally, the need for excessive secrecy that has shrouded this case.

Obviously, there are considerations here to which the public are not privy to. While I do consider Mr. Hammond's actions to have been a benefit to the public's knowledge, it is clear to informed observers that the reasoning of what was allowed to occur was much more than about Mr. Hammond's intentions. I pray, Your Honor, that you choose to sentence Mr. Hammond to a significantly shortened confinement that involves being in a much less restrictive environment, along with a significantly reduced financial penalty that Mr. Hammond shouldn't have to expect to spend a lifetime of indentured servitude to pay back.

Yours Truly,

Joseph J. Fionda





Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
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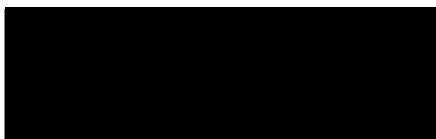
Dear Judge Preska,

I am a Chicago based artist and a recent graduate from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. I began following Jeremy Hammond's case while working on a documentary in school about the Occupy Movement. I understand that he has pleaded guilty to violating the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act and is looking at a sentence of up to ten years. In light of the Irish courts ruling of a 16-month sentence to his co-defendants, I only hope that Jeremy's sentence is determined as Time Served.

I don't know Jeremy personally, but it's clear that he is a kind and intelligent individual. He had no financial or personal gain from his actions and was motivated through a genuine concern for humanity. I believe that those are not the characteristics of someone that the world needs behind bars, but someone that the world needs contributing freely to society in a productive way.

I urge you to have leniency on his sentence and let him return home to his family and friends.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Fitzsimons



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

10-15-2013

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Shari Foster. I am Executive Director of Status C Unknown (SCU), a community based organization founded in 2006 that advocates and empowers those impacted by specific viral diseases.

SCU works closely with past and active substance users who are at high risk for contracting HIV and hepatitis C. What we have learned in our 8 years of working within these communities is that compassion and understanding are vital to helping those who often feel hopeless.

I write to you to today to ask for your compassion for Jeremy Hammond. Though I don't know Jeremy personally, I do know that he has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.

Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland and in the United Kingdom were given treatment that is disparate, those who are already convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison, and some have already been released. Jeremy's sentencing should mirror those of his co-defendants.

The disproportionate sentences associated with the CFAA, or that the protection the CFAA affords to corporations is greater than those it affords to individuals, who may be subjected to surveillance by private corporations such as Stratfor.

Again I ask that you rule with compassion and understanding as I have learned both professionally and personally these concepts are the only way to achieve a fair and just society.

Respectfully,

Shari Foster  
*Executive Director*  
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*Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive. – Dalai Lama*

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

10/13/13

Dear Judge Preska,

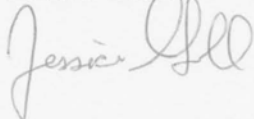
My name is Jessica Gadd and I am a student living in San Diego, California. I understand that Jeremy Hammond pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, but I plead with you now for compassion in his sentencing. Jeremy is an impassioned young man who believed sincerely that he was doing the right thing when he publicized files from Stratfor to Wikileaks. We often make mistakes in our lives for what we believe to be the greater good.

Jeremy is an extremely bright young man who learned to program games by the age of eight and built databases by the age of thirteen. When he was in high school he became a peace activist against the Iraq War. When he was attending college at the University of Illinois he pointed out a security flaw to the school's administration and was expelled for it. Jeremy has always strived towards moral uprightness.

Sometimes the road towards good ethnics is not clear. In this case it is a very fine line between what is right and what is wrong. Should the precedent be set that publicizing a companies files be such a severe punishment? Does Jeremy deserve losing 10 years of his life for doing what he was convinced was correct? [REDACTED] If someone broke into a facility and disclosed documents from a private company (not a defense or logistics agency related to the government) for no profit would they be punished as severely as Jeremy? NO they would not. Jeremy deserves leniency, I only hope he will get it.

Sincerely,

Jessica Gadd

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October 4, 2013

To the honorable Judge Preska:

The purpose of this communication is to strongly request a reduced sentence for Jeremy Hammond. As far as I am concerned, he has already been incarcerated too long, and should be released. Considering the conditions of his current confinement - often in solitary - these past many months have been more payment of his debt to society than any person should be required to endure, especially considering the ridiculously outdated legislation (Computer Fraud and Abuse Act) that he was arrested under. If, for some reason, immediate release is not deemed to be just, then please consider the most lenient sentencing possible.

This case, as well as others that are similar, should be addressed by updating the legislation that is being used to charge the people who believe - as I do - that information should be free. You cannot use defunct legislation in a case such as this. That is the fundamental definition of unjust. It is a brave new world, and we need to rise to the occasion, become more enlightened, and conduct ourselves in a way that is appropriate, as well as protective of We the People's rights. I am a nurse, as well as a mother of three beautiful, intelligent, compassionate children. It has been my greatest mission in life to positively contribute to society. Ways that I do that include raising my children to respect themselves and others beyond the boundaries of race, color, religion or financial means, as well as caring for my patients as I would hope to be cared for in similar circumstances - with dignity, humility, accuracy and compassion. I feel that we owe this young man the same treatment. In my opinion, the system is currently falling short of that mark.

Your serious consideration of my request is greatly appreciated. Thank you, in advance, for your time and sincere attention to this matter.

Respectfully,



Kristen A. Gill

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Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 15 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I am an assistant professor of philosophy at Northeastern Illinois and a graduate of Northwestern University (Evanston, IL). I teach media, computer and business ethics, as well as Social Justice courses. I asked students to reflect on Jeremy Hammond's case today on the basis of the widely accepted ethical principles and frameworks in the Western Tradition that they are asked to study. It did not take any prompting for my students to argue that a decade for the "crime" to which Jeremy has plead guilty is disproportionate (it does not "fit" the crime) and that the only justification for such a long sentence would be to deter other hackers. However, these same students attested that making an example of someone amounts to treating him/her as a means and not an end—in other words, it disrespects their humanity. I promised to report their view in my letter.

To be sure, Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. However, I believe it is relevant to ask to what extent Jeremy Hammond's action exemplifies the sort of harm and wrongdoing that demands/justifies harsh punitive measures. In the context of the massive and historically unprecedented levels of incarceration in the United States we must ask, in general, what sense it makes to put young men and women behind bars for nonviolent crimes. Does it really make sense to put Hammond away for a decade? Hammond has already, and inexplicably been held in SOLITARY CONFINEMENT, cruel and unusual punishment by any acceptable standard. Given the relatively light sentences that his co-defendants have received in other countries, fairness and proportionality demand leniency in this case and I urge this court to exercise leniency in his case.

Respectfully,

Deborah Goldgaber

cOctober 14, 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Preska,

My name is Joshua Golin and I am the Associate Director of the Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood, a national advocacy group that works to protect children from predatory marketing.

While I do not know Jeremy Hammond personally, I have followed his case with interest. I understand that Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. I hope that you will treat Jeremy with compassion and sentence him to time served.

From everything I have read about Jeremy, it is clear that his actions were politically-motivated, non-violent acts of civil disobedience. He didn't receive any financial reward for his actions, even though he most certainly could have. It is clear that he is an incredibly bright, kind man who could do great things with his life if afforded the opportunity.

Jeremy has already served a significant amount of time, as much or more than his co-defendants in Ireland and the United Kingdom will serve. Please have compassion for a man who was just trying to do what he believed was the right thing.

Sincerely,



Joshua Golin





Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 1007

October 11, 2013

Dear Honorable Judge Preska,

My name is Nathan Green and I am a student living in Tennessee pursuing a masters degree in statistics, along with a second bachelors degree in computer sciences. Technology is one thing has always interested me even from a young age. I am aware that Jeremy has plead guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. Jeremy is a truly great person who should be treated with some compassion.

Although I have never met Jeremy, some of the closest people in my life has met him. Everything I have ever been told about him has always been positive words about his character and how he impacted their lives. To me, that is someone who is respectable member of society. He has impacted lives in ways that I can only dream of doing in my life. Everyone I know who has met Jeremy has noticed his compassion for others and has inspired them to want to do more for their community.

Jeremy's co-defendants in Europe were given treatment that is disparate and those who are already convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison and others have been released already. I believe that Jeremy should have a sentence which falls in-line with his co-defendants.

Jeremy is being charged under the CFAA which is a quite outdated law, which also affords greater protection to corporations than it does for individuals who maybe subjected to private surveillance corporations such as Stratfor. Jeremy did not have any financial gain from his actions, which were solely politically-motivated acts of civil disobedience.

Mr Hammond really is someone who greatly cares about others and the community. As I stated, he has changed many lives for the better and I really hope that you would consider granting him some leniency when sentencing him.

Sincerely,

Nathan Green

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 14, 2013

Dear Judge Preska,

I am a 53 year old mother with children the same age as Jeremy Hammond. I have spent my professional life as an Office Administrator in an Architectural firm. I use computers extensively for work and personal education, however; the technology is not second nature to me. Our children have grown up with the internet and understand the technology far better than we do.

I know who Jeremy Hammond is because I have been reading the [REDACTED] since they were first released. I like to know what my government is doing. I'm ashamed that a young adult would feel compelled to break the law and suffer the consequences so that the public is informed. I will continue to read the files as they are released.

I wish to add my voice to the many asking you for leniency in Jeremy's sentencing. Our young, intelligent, empathic youth are our country's best asset; we must nurture them, guide them and support them.

Thank you for your consideration,



Terri Groth

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[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Johnathan Hales, and I am a writer from Stoneboro, Pennsylvania. While I am not personally acquainted with Jeremy, I have taken an interest in this case due to its ramifications and consequences to the foundations of information rights. I understand that Jeremy has pled guilty, but the broad, sweeping implications of a law that was enacted before the advent of the internet is really a catch-all that has **zero relevance** in today's society of instant information.

I'm not going to argue the consequences of the potential sentence you will hand down. Nor will I argue the legal distinctions, and all of the other minutiae that others seem to think are important, because they are all secondary to this very distinct point;

**Sentencing him to "time served", is the right thing to do.**

A sentence of anything but "time served" is your personal endorsement of the police state that we are currently living in, where those who tell the truth are punished, and those who lie are not liable. This is, of course, my personal opinion, but I think it is safe to say that my opinion is shared by a great deal of people watching this case and hoping that you do the right thing.

I don't judge people based on what they say, I judge them based on their actions. I hope you realize that the world is watching yours.

Please, do the right thing.

Always,

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Johnathan Hales

**Amanda Halliday**  
**PO Box 1132**



Sunday, October 6, 2013.

**Honorable Loretta A. Preska**

*Chief Judge*

Southern District of New York

500 Pearl Street

New York, NY 10007

*RE: Sentencing of Jeremy Hammond set for November 15, 2013.*

My name is Amanda Halliday, humanitarian and activist, and I have no personal ties to Mr. Hammond (Jeremy), although I share in his sentiments to seek the truth and to help create a better world. Also, I take personal interest in his case because I seek true justice for all. The amount of times whistle-blowers/humanitarians have been targeted for political prosecution (Pfc. Chelsea Manning, Barrett Brown and Edward Snowden are among the top of my list of references) has never been higher than in the Obama administration. However, it is people like the mentioned, especially Jeremy Hammond, that give the rest of the world's citizens the courage to keep telling the truth, no matter what the consequence.

I understand that Mr. Hammond's co-defendants in Ireland will not be prosecuted, and in the United Kingdom, those already charged will face no more than sixteen months in prison. I ask, doesn't Jeremy deserves the same treatment? The Computer Fraud and Abuse Act protects the corporations who have committed crimes against humanity under the rights to privacy laws, yet, Mr. Hammond has no protection as a truth seeker and leaker, or as a political activist.

I am aware that Mr. Hammond has already pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, and that he has been held in prison already for sixteen months. Jeremy's acts that have led to the charges and plea have not been of malicious intent, and as lawfully wrong as they have been, he handled himself and actions in the most ethical of ways. This is why I feel that Mr. Hammond should be treated with compassion.

I come to you asking that you please consider his sentencing to be time already served. Knowing Jeremy's demeanor and behavior, I have every faith that he has learned from his past actions. I implore that you consider my stance, and that you seriously consider using leniency in the sentencing of Jeremy Hammond. Please let him go home to his family. I hear they miss him terribly.

Thank you for reading my letter and in advance for considering this lenient sentencing.

Sincerely,

Amanda Halliday



Bailee E. Hampton



HON. JUDGE LORETTA A. PRESKA  
CHIEF JUDGE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT COURT OF NY  
500 PEARL ST  
NY, NY 10007

10-15-13

DEAR JUDGE PRESKA,

I'M WRITING YOU TODAY FROM MY HOME IN DENVER COLORADO TO ASK FOR YOUR LENIENCY IN THE SENTENCING OF JEREMY HAMMOND. JEREMY HAMMOND IS A WELL KNOWN ACTIVIST IN ANTI-WAR AND ANTI-RACIST COMMUNITIES. I ACTUALLY CAME TO HEAR OF JEREMY THROUGH HIS ANTI-RACIST WORK IN CHICAGO. JEREMY HAMMOND IS WELL KNOWN IN ACTIVIST CIRCLES FOR HIS CONSISTENT GIVING OF SELF, AND PERSONAL RESOURCES TOWARD BUILDING A MORE PEACEFUL WORLD. IT IS COMPASSION THAT BROUGHT ME TO KNOW OF JEREMY HAMMOND, AND IT IS COMPASSION I'M ASKING OF YOU YOUR HONOR, IN THE FORM OF LENIENCY TOWARD JEREMY FOR HIS CRIMES OF NON-VIOLENT CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE. PLEASE TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE LENIENCY SHOWN TO THOSE IN IRELAND AND THE U.K. WHO WERE CONVICTED OF THE SAME OFFENSES.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ MY LETTER TODAY. I HOPE IT HELPS YOU MAKE A FAIR AND JUST DECISION.

SINCERELY,

BAILEE ELIZABETH HAMPTON

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
 Chief Judge  
 Southern District of New York  
 500 Pearl St  
 New York  
 NY 10007

14/Oct/2013

Dear Judge Preska,

I write to you today in connection with the sentencing of Jeremy Hammond, who has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud & Abuse Act. I do not know Jeremy personally, but, like many others, have been following his case with some interest.

Professionally, I work as a physicist & programmer on a large, nationally funded research project. I am very aware of the importance & necessity of laws that protect legitimate users of computer technology from harm at the hands of irresponsible/criminal hackers & pranksters.

While the prosecution seeks the maximum allowable sentence of 10 years in this case (& that is their prerogative), I urge you to apply leniency. Jeremy did not act for financial gain, & his co-accused, sentenced under similar laws in the UK, are already free. Whilst a strong deterrent against criminal actions is necessary, the suicide of Aaron Schwartz while prosecuted under the same act shows the vital necessity of judicial control over sentencing, to provide a balance of power. Perhaps your judgement can also include your thoughts on legislative recognition of peaceful acts of computer-based civil disobedience.

Yours sincerely,  Casey Hammond



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
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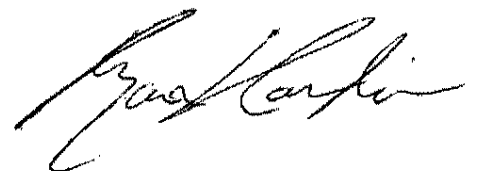
Dear Judge Preska,

My name is Ryan Hanlin. I am a Software Specialist living in Eastern Tennessee. I am writing you in regards to Jeremy Hammond and to ask mercy on his behalf from this Honorable Court. I understand that Jeremy has pleaded guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act but I plead with this Honorable Court that you take into account the magnitude of good that Jeremy has done. I ask also that when sentencing Jeremy Hammond you take into consideration that his co-defendants in Ireland and in the United Kingdom, who were convicted, will not spend more than 16 months in prison. Jeremy, however, has been incarcerated at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in New York City for more than 18 months.

Jeremy's absence during the time of his incarceration has been noticed by the many lives that Jeremy touched through his community service and activism. Though I do not know Jeremy personally I have come to know, by means of the love his friends, family and supporters have for him, his amazing character and commitment to addressing social injustices and corruption both within our society as a whole and his community at home. Your Honor, I plead that you recognize that Jeremy is a non-violent offender and I ask that you take this too into account when sentencing him. It is just that Jeremy be punished for the crimes that he has committed but I beg that this Honorable Court show leniency in doing so.

Respectfully,

Ryan Hanlin



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 7, 13

Dear Judge Preska,

My name is Lori Harfenist, and I work in the media. I came to the court to hear Jeremy Hammond's plea in May. I heard him plead guilty to violating the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, and I do not condone his actions.

I do, however, condone embracing the sentiment that our nation has lost its way in terms of privacy violation and rampant greed that has corrupted our political and economic systems. I do have compassion for anyone so frustrated with how perverted our systems have become that they feel compelled to do something about it.

Jeremy should have stayed within the law to express his sentiments. He is clearly an intelligent, sensitive person who chose the wrong path to express himself.

But his crime was nonviolent, and that should absolutely be considered when determining his sentence. We have become a nation who persecutes anyone who questions, as the absolute worst criminals. In a nation that supposedly embraces the individual and his freedom, that is a travesty. It is a travesty that we impose harsher sentences on those that commit nonviolent crimes to protest a corrupt system than we impose on rapists and murderers.

So I'm writing to request you sentence him with compassion. I'm writing to request that you keep in mind your sentence will reflect on where our country stands today, in terms of whether it will continue down the dark path of embracing and rewarding a corrupt system, or if it will allow for individuals to stand up for their freedoms.

Sincerely,



Lori Harfenist

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

10/14/2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I am writing as a supporter of Jeremy Hammond, a legal professional, and a believer in justice.

Though I have never met Jeremy personally, I know many members of his community. I am familiar with his reputation in the community, and I have read many of his writings. I believe that Jeremy has a lot to offer the world and that it would be a waste of a young life and of taxpayer dollars to sentence him to an extended term in prison.

Jeremy is an honest and loyal person. He has demonstrated this throughout his life through his activist work and his volunteer work. He is always looking out to help the little guy and those in need. He demonstrates this to this day by teaching math to fellow inmates.

I understand that Jeremy has admitted to committing some serious crimes. Yet, he nothing he has done was for personal gain or for motivations other than his ideals.

Jeremy is constantly learning and growing as a person. He has had a lot of time to reflect on his life and his actions. He understands that his actions have consequences beyond the victims for both for him and for his community of family and friends.

Jeremy has grown up a lot in the nearly 2 years that he has spent in jail. There is nothing to be gained by sending him to prison for a longer term.

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Sincerely,

Abraham Hassen

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Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Preska,

October 14, 2013

In June of 1773 Anonymously procured letters were published in the *Boston Gazette*. Their publication and the whisper campaign that preceded their publication set the countryside aflame. Protests were held as far away as Philadelphia and, back in England, a duel took place over who was responsible for the Anonymous leak. No one died in the initial duel so a second duel was duly scheduled. Before it could take place, Benjamin Franklin, then acting on behalf of Massachusetts in London, stepped forward to admit that he had sent the letters to Samuel Adams, John Hancock, and others in the Massachusetts legislature. Those of us who are heirs to the American Revolution know of these events as the Hutchinson Letters Affair. Thomas Hutchinson, then Governor of the British Province of Massachusetts, was one of the correspondents involved in penning the packet of twenty letters. I would like to submit to the Court that what happened in the Hutchinson Letters Affair might prove instructive as the Court considers the length of sentence it will level for Jeremy Hammond's admitted responsibility in pilfering a large number of electronic letters from Stratfor and passing them along to Wikileaks.

My name is Doug Johnson Hatlem. I was born in California, studied at Liberty University in Virginia and Duke Divinity School in North Carolina. Most recently, I spent eight years as a street pastor working with people who are homeless or otherwise marginalized for the Mennonite Central Committee Ontario (MCCO). MCCO placed me to work at Sanctuary, a church, drop-in center, health clinic, and arts collective in the heart of downtown Toronto. Recently, I moved back to the United States as my wife has taken a job at a seminary in Chicago. Much more has been written about me publicly in two embarrassingly kind articles in the Toronto Star that describe me as a "diligent and conscientious professional" with an "Old Testament sense of justice" that "can sometimes boil over." Besides having moved to the city where Jeremy Hammond lived and worked before his arrest, I can identify with him and with his plight for a number of reasons. Most especially, I feel a deep resonance with his various passions for justice and his intolerance for corruption of any sort.

Perhaps the British would have been within their then blinkered understanding of justice if they had put Ben Franklin away for a decade to punish him for his treachery in the Hutchinson Letters Affair, but our experience as Americans and, in fact, as citizens all over the world, would certainly be quite different if Ben had been behind bars in the years that followed. Mr. Franklin is said to have stood silently as he was upbraided by the Solicitor General as a dishonorable thief at a Privy Council meeting which, among other items, considered how he ought to be disciplined. Interestingly, Franklin spent no time in jail for his



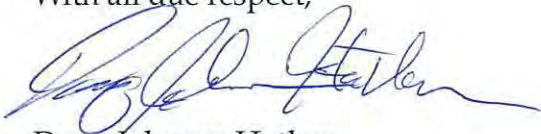
misdeeds. He was, however, relieved of his position as Postmaster General of the colonies at the Privy Council meeting. While silent at the hearing, Franklin initially defended his publication of the purloined letters precisely on the grounds that their contents intended to influence public policy and were therefore in the public interest.

Jeremy Hammond has plead guilty before this Court. As I understand it, however, there is not a shred of a question surrounding Mr. Hammond's intentions. Mr. Hammond, like Franklin, Samuel Adams, and John Hancock before him, firmly believed that his involvement in the Stratfor eLetters Affair was undertaken in the public interest. More to the point, John Hancock, speaking to the conclusion of the Massachusetts legislature, specifically stated that the Hutchinson Letters showed that the Governor was involved with plans to "overthrow the Constitution of this Government, and to introduce arbitrary Power into the Province." Mr. Hammond acted, by all accounts, from similar concerns. Now, it may turn out that Mr. Hammond is wrong about what is happening behind the scenes with private military contractors. Just the same, it could have turned out that Hancock, Franklin, Sam Adams and others were wrong. Or even just unsuccessful.

But they weren't.

It is worth noting that Franklin never had to give up the Anonymous method or source by which he originally came into possession of the Hutchinson Letters. Fort Meade was then, indeed, no Fort at all and wouldn't become such until 1917. Likewise, the FBI, which didn't exist until 1908. More ironically, among the rights for which the colonies fought against the British were the rights to Freedom of the Press, Speedy Trial, and against Cruel and Unusual Punishment. The British might be said now to have a better grasp of these inalienable rights as Declared three years after the publication of the Hutchinson Letters and cemented thirteen years after that in our Bill of Rights. Jake Davis, Jeremy Hammond's Lulzsec co-conspirator in the UK for instance, has not only already been tried and sentenced, but has actually already served the entirety of his term behind bars. In the name of Franklin, Adams, and Hancock and even more so in the name of a rational and moral application of justice, I ask that the Court sentence Jeremy Hammond to the time he has already served.

With all due respect,

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Doug Johnson Hatlem

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Oct/5/2013

Dear Judge Preska,

I am Japanese by birth and became a US citizen last year. I have been a high school teacher and have worked at law firms assisting the litigation process. I am a PhD candidate and writer contributing to progressive outlets in the US and around the world.

I became aware of Mr. Hammond's case through the 2012 defining Rolling Stone article on him. I saw a young person full of idealism and a sense for justice, which are admirable qualities in anyone. The ending remark of the article summarizes how I see him. It reads: "[Hammond] was an idealist who even after being jailed, kept fighting at every occasion, and he never betrayed himself." This statement captures the essence of why I support leniency for Mr. Hammond.

Mr. Hammond has helped the public become aware of the insidious surveillance network that has been conducted in the dark by the private intelligence firm and government contractor Stratfor. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. I feel strongly that this act by a private company in service to the federal government is unconstitutional and is an unjustified violation of basic privacy. The Fourth Amendment of the Bill of Rights reads:

"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

Whether these actions by the Federal Government are illegal or unconstitutional needs to be considered by the Supreme Court and the American people should be engaged in this debate. Mr. Hammond provided crucial information, showing us potential wrongdoing intentionally hidden behind a veil of secrecy. Information such as this needs to be out in the open for citizens in a democracy to make informed decisions.

With that said, I am aware that Mr. Hammond plead guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA) and is now facing a maximum sentence of ten years, along with the prospect of paying up to \$2.5 million in restitution to Stratfor. I would like to show how his case and sentencing needs to be seen from three points; first in consideration of the inherent flaws and flagrant abuse of the law itself, second by placing his action in a larger Constitutional and moral context and lastly, with questions concerning all the parties responsible for committing his alleged crimes.




## 1. The Inadequacy of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA)

The CFAA, a federal anti-hacking law, was written before the internet became the primary communication medium for the world. This law makes it illegal for individuals to intentionally access a computer without authorization or in excess of authorization. The law is ambiguous in that it does not clearly spell out what 'without authorization' means, allowing prosecutors to take advantage and selectively criminalize actions by ordinary citizens that governments and corporate executives dislike. It gives disproportionate power to corporations such as Stratfor as opposed to individuals who might be affected by their surveillance and allows prosecutors to criminalize a broad range of online activities. The legislation was used to prosecute the late Aaron Swartz. This law is outdated and overdue for reform.

Mr. Hammond's co-defendants overseas in Ireland and the UK will spend no more than 16 months in prison. On the contrary, Mr. Hammond was in jail for more than a year before his trial began. He was denied bail, held in solitary confinement and cut off from communication with his family. Now he is looking at 10 years in prison. I think he has paid more than enough already.

## 2. The Constitutional and Moral Context of His Action

The larger context through which to see Mr. Hammond's act calls us to look at his real motives. Mr. Hammond is an idealist who never betrayed himself. I see a young man who stood up for the basic principle of balance of power and checks on abuse of people by their government.



Mr. Hammond acted on the basic belief that leaders should be held accountable and working for the people. Instead of being apathetic and careless like so many of us, through his actions he called for the integrity of political leaders and rightly challenged the legitimacy of their authority.

From this perspective, he has followed in the footsteps of the prominent whistleblowers of our age. Chelsea Manning saw wrongdoing of the government in light of illegal wars and abuse of power. Manning believed that this information belongs to the public and wanted us all to see what our government was doing in our name. Edward Snowden, the NSA whistleblower also acted on the same principle. He believed the public ought to know the levels of spying the government is hiding from them in order to make informed decisions about their government and their own lives. He hoped his disclosures would stir up public debate. It is important to remind ourselves that there has been no evidence of anyone coming to harm as a result of these disclosures.

It is clear to me that Mr. Hammond acted out of this same motive of calling for democratic debate and accountability. In pleading guilty to one count of conspiracy for hacking into the computers of Stratfor, he stated that “people have a right to know what governments and corporations are doing behind closed doors” and indicated clearly that he did what he believed was right. His actions were selfless. He didn’t pursue financial gain or enhance himself in any way. If anything, he sacrificed himself to try to close the gap between the public interest and the misdeeds of elected officials.

The recent revelations of NSA spying have brought to light the severity of destruction of the Fourth Amendment by this government and these corporate contractors. We now know, thanks to Mr. Snowden's disclosures that what Mr. Hammond revealed was only the tip of the iceberg and those disclosures clearly vindicated what he did.

I see Mr. Hammond's action as similar to those of the signers of the Declaration of Independence 240 years ago in violation of King George's acts of suppression. Those men were clearly breaking British law at the time. They were treasonous from the point of view of that government. Mr. Hammond was simply seeking for a balance of power in an age of egregious corporate-government collusion against the people of the United States. His act harmed no one, but only shed light on abuse of power.

In this sense, he is a true patriot of the digital age, striving to right the scales of power that are dangerously tipped toward the wealthy corporate and corrupt political class in this country. Thomas Jefferson once said, “When injustice becomes law, resistance becomes duty”. Mr. Hammond's deed belongs to the great tradition of rightful civil disobedience demonstrated by figures such as highly acclaimed civil right leader Martin Luther King Jr. and the great writer Henry David Thoreau who refused to pay poll taxes as a protest against slavery in 1846.

Civil disobedience is the active professed refusal to obey certain laws and commands of the government in order to uphold a higher principle that contradicts existing laws. Mr. Hammond knowingly violated the law in order to expose greater crimes. This was an act to truly uphold the Constitution and it needs to be looked at from our larger obligation to the spirit and letter of the highest law of the land.

### 3. Who Is Responsible for the Alleged Crimes?

Along with his motivation for justice, I would like to address the nature of the FBI entrapment that lies at the heart of this case. It has come to light that the original plan of hacking Stratfor was orchestrated and carried out initially by the FBI, using former LulzSec leader and FBI informant "Sabu", real name "Hector Xavier Monsegur".

Mr. Hammond has been aware of this. In advance of Sabu's sentence that was scheduled to take place on August 23, 2013, he wrote “What the United States could not accomplish legally, it used Sabu, and by extension, me and my co-defendants, to accomplish illegally”. [REDACTED]

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The 14th Amendment of the Constitution grants all people in the US equal protection under the law. The FBI was apparently the primary actor that planned the Stratfor hacking and carried it out. So, minimally the head of the FBI and Sabu should be in jail and treated in the same way as Mr. Hammond. If not, Mr. Hammond should be released. We are not a nation of laws if the law is not applied equally.

Judge Preska, I ask for leniency for Mr. Hammond. All he was doing was standing up for the principles upon which our country was founded. Child molesters, rapists and murderers quite often do not get anywhere near a 10 year sentence. Also, bankers and criminals on Wall Street who steal billions are mostly not even charged or prosecuted.

Perhaps what sets Mr. Hammond apart from the rest of us is that he is an idealist who took great risks to act on his hope for a true democracy and he never betrayed himself. I am an immigrant and when I came to this country, I took my commitment and oath to the Constitution seriously. To me, Mr. Hammond's actions stand as a living example of what it means to be an American.

I believe it is only reasonable for a judge who vows to uphold the highest law of this land to recognize this man's heroic deed and exonerate him. I sincerely hope you would be able to see in Jeremy Hammond what I see. He is a good man with a conscience who has a lot ahead of him in life. He can accomplish much more for others and inspire the generations to come. I hope you make the right decision for the Constitution and for the people of the United States. Thank you for taking time to read this.

Sincerely,

Nozomi Hayase

*Nozomi Hayase*

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To whom it may concern:  
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I wanted to show my  
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front and compare them  
to Jeremy Hammond.

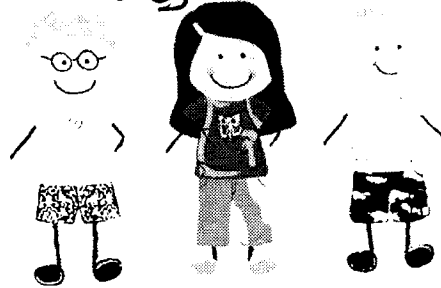
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is a caring young  
man with a strong  
moral conscience.  
Please take that  
into account.  
Thanks you.

Rose Hayes,  
mother of 6,  
grandmother of 3,  
would be proud  
to have Jeremy  
among them.

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My Grand children who I hope  
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Jeremy  
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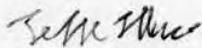
Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Jesse Hlebo, I am an artist living in Brooklyn, New York, and hold a BFA with honors in photography from Parsons The New School for Design. I have been involved with activism for the past 10 years and must say that I greatly value the brave actions Mr. Hammond has made to expose corporate and government corruption. It greatly inspires me to know that someone in this world cares enough about the rights of others to knowingly risk his own existence as a member of society to fight for them.

I am aware that Mr. Hammond plead guilty to violating the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. However, I view his actions as necessary to the advancement of the history of this century, for him to be punished so harshly for such an act causes me to severely question the priorities of law enforcement.

Though I have never met Mr. Hammond, I hope that some day soon I will be able to. I do hope there is some way for Jeremy to receive leniency on his sentence.

Sincerely,  
Jesse Hlebo





From: Ace Hoffman [REDACTED]  
Subject: Please have leniency for Jeremy Hammond  
Date: October 14, 2013 10:21:28 PM EDT  
To: [REDACTED]

To The Attorney(s) for Mr. Hammond,

I hope this letter is helpful to your case. Please feel free to withhold it if it does not seem to be. I wish you the best.

Ace Hoffman  
Carlsbad, CA

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Date: October 14th, 2013  
To: Judge Honorable Loretta Preska

To The Judge,

I would like to add my name in a plea for leniency for Jeremy Hammond. Not that I don't think his crimes weren't serious, and I am aware he pled guilty to some very serious hacking charges. He committed the crimes.

Had he done this for profit, that would certainly be "black hat" programming. But the crimes he actually exposed by his actions, and the criminal's methods of carrying out those crimes, could virtually only be exposed BY hacking, and that fact should be considered in determining his sentence. Society is certainly better off knowing what he exposed.

Crimes such as he exposed are undoubtedly being committed daily by others. Surely only a small fraction are exposed by anyone, because the hacking necessary is presumably not easy (I've never tried). And I say this with more than 35 years in the computer software programming business, from Cobol and RPG to Basic, Assembler, Flash, and a dozen other languages and dialects. My programs have been used by tens of thousands in schools, universities, hospitals, by industry and by the military. As of this month, I have placed my first "app" in the Apple and Android "app" stores, after decades of programming educational computer animation for desktop computers.

I could hardly afford to be known as a "black hat" programmer, or hacker. So I have nothing in common with Mr. Hammond and on a technical level, I would not condone his actions in any way. But this is much bigger than programming, hacking, or, really, whatever it took (non-violently, I must add) to get the information out. If Mr. Hammond had physically bypassed security, searched company files to find the documents, made copies, snuck out again, and released the same information to the world, harming no one physically in the process, he would be hailed a crafty hero for obtaining information the public deserved to have, needed to have, but didn't know it needed. He, on the other hand, knew what he was after -- he was out the whole time with one motive: to expose a crime. He didn't just dig around, his search was targeted to capture the incriminating data.

What if every gumshoe would-be detective behaved as illegally? Where would society be? Look at the mess the British newspaper industry is in due to a phone tapping and message reading/listening scandal! Technology is out to bite us all, with the aid of nefarious citizens, and proper precautions need to be taken. Crooks far more sinister than Hammond know this. It takes a real pro to hack even a mildly secure system. Has Hammond been cooperating by explaining how it was done to the authorities, so they know how to do it themselves? Or at least, so they know what to report to the security community, of which any company president, even a small one-person company such as mine, considers himself a part of. I'm glad I wasn't hacked by Mr. Hammond, that's for sure! I, on the other hand, am seldom guilty of much more than safely chasing a yellow light -- and oh, how I despise those cameras at intersections! Nobody likes to get caught by one. It seems like invariably it was an innocent mistake, often caused by paying too much attention to, say, actual traffic, a baby in a stroller or something, than to the final moments of a yellow light -- but the ticket's the same and the assumption is, the traffic light can prevent all accidents if only it is obeyed all the time, which might be true if everyone else always obeyed them, but they don't. So paying attention to traffic is more important than paying attention to the lights, even though it can be argued that "someone might die" if you fail to obey the lights. If death were a sure thing, the punishment would be very severe for chasing a yellow, but it's only a few hundred dollars and some points off your license, and so forth, depending on what state you live in (or so I'm told; I've never actually been nabbed by an automated camera system...yet).

In none of Mr. Hammond's crimes were any lives threatened in any way, and in fact, he uncovered complicity in crimes which certainly will result in countless deaths and violence: The destruction of our rights as citizens, of our constitutional rights, at the hands of ruthless corporations is a serious crime indeed! The public will fight! You have probably sworn to fight it! The Constitution assumes those who believe in its values will fight for it! The destruction of our rights was exactly what his actions showed was going on.

Mr. Hammond is far more patriot than criminal, but sometimes you have to be both.

I hope that you will limit Mr. Hammond's sentence to time served.

Sincerely,


Ace Hoffman  
Carlsbad, CA

Owner, The Animated Software Company  
www.animatedsoftware.com

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Honorable Judge Loretta A. Preska,

This is a letter of support for Jeremy Hammond whose life and entire future is in your hands. He has so much potential to make the world a better place and does not deserve to spend most of that life in a jail cell. The Stratfor case is a victimless crime, the fact that Jeremy was goaded, and entrapped by FBI informant Hector Monsegur to commit it in the first place, another case to which you presided over, is done. Jeremy said he did it, and saved the tax payers and courts a lot of time, money, and energy. The difference is while Jeremy has been incarcerated since March 5th, 2012, Hector has been a free man, and will remain as such. Jeremy has missed out on family gatherings, birthdays, holidays, all due to his own actions, but does he deserve to be locked up for a good portion of the rest of his life for a crime that harmed no one? President Obama promised a more transparent government, and all Jeremy did was to show the world, just like Edward Snowden, Aaron Schwartz, and Bradley Manning, that there are private companies out there conducting massive privacy infringements in the name of National Security. He is a whistle blower and should be protected not persecuted. Daniel Ellsberg was a whistle blower who worked for RAND Corporation and almost single handedly ended the Vietnam War. He was vilified and charged for theft and espionage, but the case was dropped because of how evidence was collected against him. Now history looks back on him as a hero, and this case is no different. So in closing, I hope you can have it in you to see that Jeremy can be a productive member of society, hasn't he been incarcerated long enough.

Colin W. Horne III  


Date: 10/11/2013

Dear Judge Preska,

I am Mark Howard I am self employed and live in Redding, California. I don't know Jeremy on a personal level but I know all about him. He is a freedom fighter and an amazing activist.. The sad thing is he is getting more time than most pedophiles.. I ask that you give Jeremy grace and let him go on with his life. He has thousands upon thousands of supporters..

You have a choice to ruin someones life or bestow grace upon him and let him rehabilitate. He has served time, please please give him a chance to go back into the world. And give him the chance to be with his family and awesome support of friends.

Thank you..

Sincerely,  
Mark Howard

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 14, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Jeremy Hammond to request your leniency when determining his sentence. I have professionally invested myself in Jeremy's work as an academic and scholar who studies the discourses that mediate between rhetoric, politics, the law, and the Internet. Jeremy's case certainly stands out among many others for very specific reasons.

Through my research concerning the history of the Internet, I learned that many scholars view the practices of hacking and hacktivism akin to the act of researching. Perhaps not so ironically, most acts of "hacking" began in our highly privileged academic houses such as MIT, Princeton, Carnegie Mellon, and Stanford. There is a long history within academia to find new ways of obtaining information in order to create and/or evolve current modes of thought. It was when I came across media articles on Jeremy's case that I realized he had used similar methods of research as I had been trained to do during graduate school. This realization led me to focus a large portion of my analysis of document disclosures (doxing) and hacking on Jeremy's work.

In one of his seminal texts, French philosopher Jacques Derrida writes about making peace with our society's ghosts. He softly argues that

[a lover of justice] should learn to live by learning not how to make conversation with the ghost but how to talk with him, with her, how to let them speak or how to give them back speech, even if it is in oneself, in the other, in the other oneself: they are always *there*, specters, even if they do not exist, even if they are no longer, even if they are not yet. They give us to rethink the "there" as soon as we open our mouths, even at a colloquium and especially when one speaks there in a foreign language: *Thou are a scholar; speak to it, Horatio.* (p. 221; *Specters of Marx*)

Derrida desired that we really begin to listen to the voices of the silent, the unheard. Sometimes these voices are our past; sometimes these voices are alive in our present. In this case, I think Derrida helps us find a way to understand Jeremy's actions: we might learn the meaning behind *what* we are saying by first listening to each other.

The French philosopher recalls Shakespeare's *Hamlet* to make his point, leaning on Horatio's character. If you will recall, Horatio was Hamlet's trusted friend. Omniscient even, Horatio was

the only character to survive the life of the play; it was as if he had been written to see that the true story was told after everyone else could no longer speak.

For citizens like me, Jeremy's research gave us the story—albeit only some of it. His work relies on nothing more than advancing our understanding of the truth, though it may sound foreign. To look again at what Derrida says, we can see that he chose his verb carefully. Derrida wants to emphasize the act of giving, that which is very much unlike taking. Due to sensational headlines in the media, we have come to see the act of hacking as stealing, seizing, plundering—all terms related to the act of piracy. However, and this is with my own extensive research in the practice, hacking has mostly been an act of giving.

Helen Nissenbaum, professor of Media, Culture, and Communication and Computer Science at NYU, once paraphrased and elaborated on Eric Raymond's words to prove how influential hacking has been:

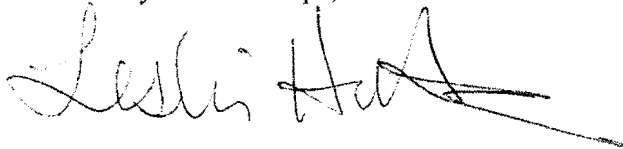
The contributions that hackers have made to social welfare extend beyond free code to include access to technology and information; Raymond writes, "many of the hackers of the 1980s and early 1990s launched the Internet Service Providers selling or giving access to the masses."

Nissenbaum urges us to remember that it was the hackers who *physically* made the Internet. Without hacking, we, none of us, would have the access to the Internet and technology we have. And, without hackers, the media would not have the ability to admonish hacking and these same hackers in the news. Because of hackers, we have this networked world that we live in. Because of hackers, we are all a little closer to hearing one another.

Again, I am writing on behalf of Jeremy; I am not writing to recall the long history and traditions within the formation of the Internet. Nevertheless, I do feel it is important and relevant to consider Jeremy's actions in light of our contemporary culture. Surely you know that there is a longstanding tradition within American history to have the freedom to pursue knowledge. This tradition coincides with the history of the Internet, and this is the tradition that envelops academia—the tradition I spoke of when I began this letter.

I ask that you consider the connections between what Jeremy has done in light of the history of political and academic pursuits that precede him. I ask that you consider what Derrida softly argues is at the heart of political speech: a gift. It is in my asking that I leave this letter with a hope that maybe you will listen to me, listen to all the others speaking on Jeremy's behalf, and, most of all, listen to Jeremy himself. His words have explained his actions. In the field of rhetoric (of which you must be familiar), we call that having an honorable ethos.

In solidarity and with hope,

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Leslie Hutchinson

Ewa J. Infeld



October 11, 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Preska,

I am a graduate student and lecturer in mathematics at Dartmouth College and an appointed mentor to undergraduates in Dartmouth's E. E. Just program. I write to you to ask for leniency for Jeremy Hammond, whose sentencing is scheduled for November 15.

The laws we have in place are meant to protect the weak from the powerful. For a functioning society, we have to make sure that the advantage of the person holding a gun, or the one with the bigger bank account, is offset by limitations on how they can use it. It is not the powerful institutions like Stratfor that need protection the most. While Mr. Hammond broke the law, his actions were also aimed at balancing power in the age of increasing disparities. He was driven by his ideals. While the views he holds might seem avant-garde, they are popular with his generation and so there is a good chance that the world will catch up to partially reflect them. I have every hope that Mr. Hammond will one day be widely regarded as a fighter for a good cause.

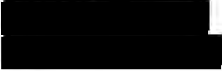
The disproportionately severe sentences for non-violent offenders are a stain on the reputation of the United States. A high profile case like this one can be especially damaging. I ask you for leniency for Mr. Hammond not only because it is the right thing, but also for the sake of this troubled country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Infeld', written over the typed name.

Ewa J. Infeld



Robin Jacks  


Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
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October 13, 2013

Dear Judge Preska,

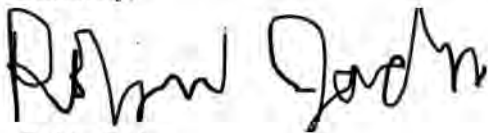
My name is Robin Jacks. I live in Boston and am a nanny. I am also a community activist on various fronts; right now I am organizing a drive to collect warm clothes for needy children this winter. Today I am writing to urge you to apply leniency in the sentencing of Jeremy Hammond. I understand that he has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, yet I believe very strongly that Hammond should be treated with a great deal of compassion and good faith. I urge you to consider leniency when deciding how he should be sentenced.

As you likely know, Hammond's co-defendants in other countries have faced far different fates than he does, simply by virtue of the sentencing guidelines in the nations where they live. His Irish co-defendants will not be prosecuted at all, and all co-defendants in the United Kingdom who have been prosecuted have faced no more than sixteen months in prison. Our own Computer Fraud and Abuse Act allows for wildly a disproportionate sentencing for Hammond, which feels unfair to me.

I urge you to consider that the only benefit Hammond gained from his crime is that he felt his conscience was clean. He received no financial benefit for what he did, as it was an act of civil disobedience. It is my sincere hope that you consider Hammond's motivation for his crime when applying sentencing.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,



Robin Jacks

Oct 14th, 2013

Dear Judge Preska,

I write this letter in desperation and in hope. I am desperate to ask you to show compassion and leniency in sentencing Jeremy Hammond, on Nov 15th, 2013. And I am hopeful that my letter, along with many others', would persuade you in commuting his sentence as time served.

While Jeremy's actions have legal ramifications, his sentencing guidelines are incredibly heartbreaking and unfair. He has been in prison, without trial, for 588 days, with many days spent in confinement, with no family visits and minimal phone privileges. He is non-violent and his incarceration circumstances are disproportionately harsh and do not fit the crime.

As many have described him to you, Jeremy is held in high regard and adored by his fellow activists, family members, friends and even his counsel. He is selfless, kind, compassionate and is willing to sacrifice himself for the betterment of others. He is unmatched in loyalty and honesty, as it is evident in the terms of his non-cooperative plea agreement. This is an individual who has spent majority of his adolescence and young adult life, working towards a better future that will benefit everyone. While one can disagree on the paths that he has chosen to pursue such goals, his motives and intentions are pure, admirable and his crimes lack personal gain. At every turn, he has demonstrated substantial grace and humility. He truly does not deserve to serve 10 years in jail.

As an Iranian-American activist, I have found myself in a very strange situation, where I am writing a letter of support, instead of receiving one. I never dreamed I would be in this reversed role. I find this haunting, disturbing and terrifying. Especially when considering the nature of his crimes and the punishments his counterparts have received in Europe.

Any community would be blessed to have Jeremy as their own. So please send him back to his community, to us.

Sincerely and with hope,

Sara Jafary

Staff Scientist, Jail Support/Human Rights Activist and Community Organizer.

ADDRESS:

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
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October 02, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Carly Janine and I wanted to take the time to write to you today to speak to the character of Jeremy Hammond, or at least to the nature of his spirit, since I am not personally acquainted with him. I am a holistic health practitioner, writer, and yoga instructor, and in my previous life I worked in the tech industry, designing video games. I was a kid like Jeremy - one that grew up online, smart and restless. Recently others have come forward, taking action in ways that I don't think many that did not grow up in that sort of online community can understand.

I truly believe Jeremy to be one of this new generation of young people that believe in working together for truth and the betterment of humanity. I think this is clearly demonstrated by his choice of target, and his guilty plea. I may be theorizing, but with such obvious intelligence, skill, and spirit, couldn't he have done anything? What did he choose to do? Expose what he believes to be corruption on a massive scale. Whether or not the methods are right, could it be possible that they were justified in some small way? How else could this have come to light? I think many activists face difficult situations and questions on how to proceed, how to feel safe, and how best to help others and draw attention to corruption. I really think that Jeremy acted in what he believed to be the BEST possible interest for everyone involved.

I ask you to take into account the sentences imposed on others involved in this case, and the amount of time that Jeremy has already been imprisoned.

More than that, I ask you to feel into the quiet truth of the matter. Is a lengthy sentence appropriate for this action? Is Jeremy Hammond someone that gives our citizens hope for a better future? What message will a long sentence send to this growing population that (seems to be) adopting these sorts of tactics?

I hope for the future, for my daughter, that as a whole our country can move forward in a kind and compassionate direction together. The truth is, I respect people like Jeremy. I think it is brave to take an action that you KNOW will lead to your own incarceration if caught, and to trust and work with others and do so anyway. Jeremy was trying to protect people, ultimately, and I do honestly believe he deserves some friendship and protection in return.

Please consider, with utmost respect,

Carly Janine  
San Diego, CA

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October 10, 2013

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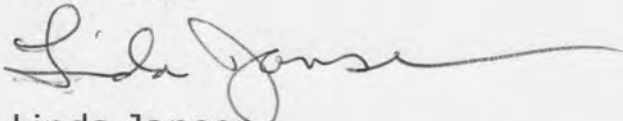
Dear Judge Preska:

Jeremy Hammond, while having pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, was trying to protect all of us from a framework that enables corporate spying on citizens with impunity. I hope that you, representing the U.S. legal system, will take the opportunity to recognize and therefore mitigate Jeremy's punishment for this reason.

Jeremy was not looking for financial gain from his actions. While I do not know him personally, it is apparent he hoped he was doing a public service.

As a citizen, I hope that Jeremy's actions will be seen in the light of a young person trying his best to preserve constitutional protections for the rest of us; protections that allow me to write this letter knowing I should be safe from retribution by any corporate entity that does not agree with my position.

Sincerely,



Linda Jansen

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Angel Jimenez

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October 10, 2013

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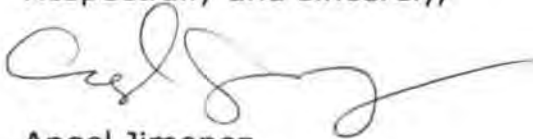
Dear Judge Preska:

I am a Cuban who waited decades before becoming a U.S. citizen—not because of loyalty to Cuba but because I couldn't reconcile the beauty of the Founding documents with what I saw in the news. In the media, I heard of corruption and human rights abuses right here at home. But the one thing I wasn't aware of was that the press was, at that time, providing essential transparency.

Judge Preska, Mr. Jeremy Hammond, took it upon himself to reveal to the rest of us an injustice. To do so, he felt compelled to break the law when he acted as a citizen journalist. We need to protect this honorable vocation for, if Senator Feinstein has her way, only the Chuck Todds of the world will survive to tell us it's not their job to seek the truth.

Please be as compassionate in your sentencing as your jurisprudence allows; please protect citizen journalism; and please say that human rights and those who labor on its behalf will not be tread upon if your court can help it.

Respectfully and sincerely,



Angel Jimenez

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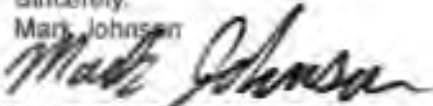
10/14/2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I'm writing you regarding Jeremy Hammond's sentencing. I'm a 37 year old, married man, and long-time resident of Chicago, IL. My wife and I have been registered voters in Chicago since 2004. We both work at companies that are based in Chicago. I'm an Engineer at a company that does consumer lender in the sub-prime market. I have a degree from Loyola University. We are members of the Chicago community.

I don't personally know Jeremy Hammond. I am interested in Jeremy Hammond's case, because recent prosecutions and harsh sentences give the impression that corporations have more rights and protections than people. When corporations break the law affecting people, they must only pay a fine. They aren't held accountable in a significant way. When a person breaks the law affecting a corporation, the person is punished to the full extent of the law. I don't think this is fair. I realize that Jeremy Hammond broke the law—he caused damage to property. I think sentencing should reflect that human life is precious. People are what counts. People should be treated fairly and humanly. When people are abused or treated unfairly, we are all affected. Jeremy Hammond deserves a fair sentence, consistent with the high value America places on human life. He deserves a humane sentence.

Sincerely,  
Mark Johnson





10/14/13

Dear Judge Preska,

My name is Jeremy Kessler. I own a local computer repair shop in Crosby, ND.

I am deeply concerned about Jeremy Hammond's case. He has already pled guilty to the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. and I am writing to you to request leniency on his sentencing.

Mr. Hammond committed this offense in an attempt to improve society, not to make money or create chaos. I humbly request that you let common sense and real justice prevail. Thank you for reading.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Kessler

Jeremy Kessler

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Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
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October 12, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

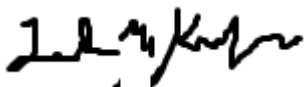
I am writing on behalf of Jeremy Hammond. I know him through the people who have been supporting him—I have a radio show in Brooklyn and interviewed his support group-- and I have used my radio show to talk about his case and other related cases. I am not unfamiliar with cases of this sort—I have written similar letters for people like Philip Berrigan, for example-- and have written letters of support for a variety of other people arrested for non-violent actions.

I know that Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. I understand the context of this law, but I'm concerned that the application of this law in Jeremy's case is not what its authors envisioned. Jeremy was (In my opinion) not motivated by financial gain or by any desire for malfeasance toward the people of this country. His act was to a certain degree an act of conscience. Had I found myself with the same information, I'm not sure I would have done differently.

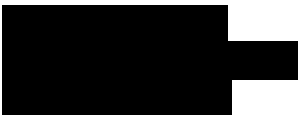
I'm also concerned with the application of the law here as opposed to in the countries where Jeremy's co-defendants were tried. His colleagues in Ireland and the UK aren't going to spend anything like ten years in prison. Some have in fact already been released, and most will not spend more than 16 months in lockup.

I think it is best for the American Justice system if there is a significant downward departure from sentencing guidelines. I have corresponded with Jeremy and I have great respect for him, and I urge you to consider leniency as much as you are able.

Thank you for your time.



Daniel Kinch



October 7, 2013



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Dear Judge Preska,

Much like Jeremy Hammond I have dedicated my life to working in poor communities. While our daily work and projects have been different I am certain our experiences have been the same. We are surrounded by youth violence, hunger as families struggle to get by, hard working immigrants seeking to raise their families in a hostile climate, the homeless, the unemployed and those society just doesn't know what to do with.

Living, working and celebrating birthdays, graduations and the sometimes seemingly unattainable high school graduations in this world is powerfully transformative. Those of us that have made the choice to live in this world are constantly rejuvenated by the joy, laughter and celebrations but we are also constantly challenged by what we hear and see to do more. Help it to stop. Make it go away. Inoculate justice.

Jeremy Hammond was haunted by the world around him to do something; to try to make a difference by using his personal skills in a way that he felt would best help those he saw suffering. Most of the community work he chose was simply being there, helping, charity. He also chose to be an engaged and active participant in creating social change. He has acknowledged as part of this activism, he made a mistake. He has accepted his guilt. Please be lenient and let him come back to helping people. There's still a lot of work needing to be done.

Your leniency in sentencing Jeremy Hammond will not return a criminal to the streets. It will not continue a cycle of violence, embolden street gangs or mafias or restore open-air drug markets. Jeremy Hammond will not go home to enjoy a fattened bank account. He will not, because he never has, return to hurting anyone. He will not go home unchanged.

What will happen, because Jeremy's year's of work are documentation and proof, is Jeremy Hammond will resume his life-long dedication to helping his neighbor. He is young, there are many people he has yet to help. Your granting of leniency will be a gift to the many youth, families, shut-ins and strangers that will someday benefit from Jeremy's work of kindness and mercy.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Ksen".

Kevin Ksen

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

10/13/13

Dear Judge Preska,

My name is Ross. I am an artist and concerned citizen from Detroit, MI. I am writing you today to request leniency in the sentencing of Jeremy Hammond. I do not know Mr. Hammond personally, but his case has been well publicized and has stood out as one of particular interest.

After initially hearing about Mr. Hammond's case, I have followed it regularly. Along the way, I have learned a bit about Mr. Hammond, which is what has driven me to write this letter. It is clear that Mr. Hammond, though a "cyber-criminal", is not a terrorist or necessarily a "bad guy". He is an idealist who has committed "crimes" in an effort to expose how private global intelligence is conducted outside the oversight, knowledge, and accountability of democratic nations, their institutions, and most importantly, their citizens.

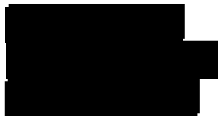
I understand that he has already agreed to plead guilty to violating the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, but I find it alarming how much this act has been used in recent years to successfully prosecute those who would dare expose international crimes or conspiracies to commit such crimes via the Internet. These crimes or conspiracies to commit crimes are much more dangerous, violent, and anti-social than the Internet-based whistle-blowing of concerned citizens such as Mr. Hammond and others who have been prosecuted under a law which is so outdated, it precedes the Internet itself by more than a decade.

The CFAA also contains an extremely disproportionate penalty scheme. As I'm sure you are aware, Mr. Hammond's codefendants in Ireland are not being prosecuted, and those in the United Kingdom will spend just over a year in prison; slightly longer than Mr. Hammond has already been held prior to sentencing. In this year spent waiting for trial, he was regularly held in solitary confinement, a fact which was well-publicized, and as I'm sure you are aware, this practice is largely considered torture in many developed nations, including the UK.

Mr. Hammond committed a non-violent political act whose tangible actions amount to a few keystrokes on a computer. While I obviously cannot predict how long he will be sentenced to prison; nor can I predict how much of that time will be spent in solitary confinement; I beg you to consider the ramifications of sentencing this obviously bright young man to be held in a cage and possibly tortured for a significant portion of his life for committing a non-violent act.

Thank you for your time and consideration,





Date: 10/13/2013

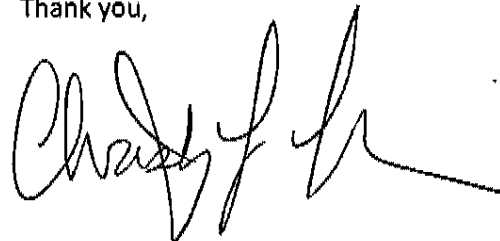
Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Christy and I am writing to you as a concerned citizen from the state of Tennessee. I do work for the state of Tennessee, and my job involves communicating directly with people from my community as they undergo great personal struggles. I am interested in the Jeremy Hammond case because I understand that he too believes in giving back to his community and helping those in need.

I understand that Jeremy Hammond has made a plea agreement involving computer hacking crimes. I would like to request that you consider leniency in your sentencing. I understand that Mr. Hammond did not benefit financially from these acts. His was an act of civil disobedience and protest, and he has already served a quite long amount of time away from his friends and family. I have read that Mr. Hammond's co-defendants in Ireland and in the United Kingdom were given treatment that is disparate, those who are already convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison, and that some have already been released.

Through my work experiences I have seen families struggle mentally, emotionally, and financially due to the incarceration of a loved one. It can be very difficult for all of the parties involved to find peace with the situation and forgiveness so that true healing for the whole community can begin. We must do what we can to help each other to learn from our mistakes and move forward. Jeremy Hammond is a young man with great promise, and he deserves to be treated compassionately and fairly.

Thank you,



Christy Lawson

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007  
October 10, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Carole Leonard and I have been an activist for more than 10 years. The case of Jeremy Hammond is very disturbing to me for so many reasons. I am employed full time with in the transportation industry and I am also in college focusing on Criminal Justice studies and social justice. While I do not know Jeremy on a personal level, I do know of his social justice stance. I am also aware that he has plead guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act ( a law that I feel needs to be revisited and revamped.) Jeremy never gained financially from his activities, he acted on his convictions and beliefs- many of us share those same convictions and beliefs. I feel that Jeremy should be granted the utmost leniency and compassion in this case. Jeremy's character, compassion, integrity, accomplishments, interests, speak of a young, passionate highly intelligent and caring person who is only seeking to right the wrongs in this corrupt world. He never directly harmed anyone and that should speak volumes.

Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland and in the United Kingdom were given treatment that is disparate, those who are already convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison, some have already been released. The disproportionate sentences associated with the CFAA, or that the protection the CFAA affords to corporations is greater than those it affords to individuals, who may be subjected to surveillance by private corporations such as Stratfor.

I plead that you show Jeremy the same compassion.

Sincerely yours,

Carole Leonard

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[REDACTED]



October 14, 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Preska:

I am an American citizen in California and am aware that Jeremy Hammond has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. I'm a professional in the Internet industry and am concerned about the growing secrecy of our government's operations. This secrecy has been used to obfuscate activities which in some cases are unconstitutional, in others illegal, and in all cases are anathema to an open democracy.

I am writing you today to urge you to pass sentence on Mr. Hammond with the utmost in leniency and compassion. His crime was an act of civil disobedience, not one done for monetary gain. He's been held in solitary confinement for almost two years and been denied bail. What exactly is the harm he's done? Was someone hurt or killed, did someone lose their home or life savings from his actions? No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] This activity should be exposed so Americans can have an informed debate about civil liberties and the state of our Constitution. This attack on whistle-blowers and the thickening veil of secrecy that both corporations and the government are operating behind brings back chilling memories of the McCarthy era of blacklisting and silencing dissent.

Further, Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland and in the United Kingdom were given treatment that is disparate, those who are already convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison, and some have already been released. This is wrong. The punishment should fit the crime, and a ten year sentence for him would be an embarrassment for the United States, and a dark stain on the "freest" nation on Earth. We must live up to the claims of being the land of the free and ensure these aren't empty boastings.

In addition, it's unjust that corporations receive more protection and have stronger privacy rights than individual citizens like myself. Under the CFAA, exposing corporate and government spying is punishable by out-of-proportion sentences, yet citizens of the United States are denied the right to even know who or what may be violating our Bill of Rights, whether it's for-profit corporation or the government.

In conclusion, I respectfully urge you to hand down a sentence that is both lenient and compassionate. Jeremy's crime was a conscious act of civil disobedience that caused no bodily or financial harm to anyone. His long stint in solitary confinement is more than enough punishment already, as evidence by our allies in Ireland and the United Kingdom, which are offering humane sentences to his co-defendants.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sam Lowery

San Francisco, CA.

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
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10/15/2013

Dear Judge Preska:

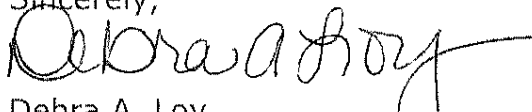
I am a United States Citizen, a business professional and I have been paying close attention to these issues and particularly how whistleblowers are being treated in this great Nation of ours, when they shed light on the infringement of our civil liberties and freedoms. I understand that Jeremy Hammond has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. I believe that his intentions were pure and believe he should be treated with compassion.

Please take into consideration that Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland and in the United Kingdom were given treatment that is disparate, those who are already convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison, while some have already been released.

The disproportionate sentences associated with the CFAA, or that the protection the CFAA affords to corporations is greater than those it affords to individuals, who may be subjected to surveillance by private corporations such as Stratfor. This is disturbing to me, as we watch our privacy in America be chipped away in the name of National Security.

Please consider that Jeremy had nothing to gain financially from these actions, which he undertook as politically-motivated acts of civil disobedience. I do not argue that he is guilty, I just ask for compassion in this matter and for leniency for Jeremy Hammond.

Sincerely,



Debra A. Loy



Douglas Lucas  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

October 8, 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

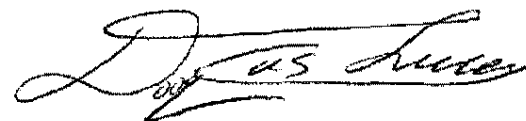
Dear Judge Preska:

I am a writer and journalist who is concerned about Jeremy Hammond's sentencing. Harsh punishments under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act may steer people away from computer research and innovation, which is central to our new world.

Jeremy has already spent over a year in prison. Consider also that Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland will not be prosecuted and that in the United Kingdom, those who are already convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison.

I ask you please to be lenient in his sentencing.

Sincerely,



DOUGLAS LUCAS

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 15, 2013

Dear Judge Preska,

My name is Amber Lyon and I am an investigative journalist and filmmaker, formerly of CNN, who has spent more than a decade uncovering human rights and civil liberties abuse here in the United States. In 2010, I produced a documentary on a Missouri pimp who trafficked a 14 year-old girl for sex. The pimp, Latasha Jewell McFarland of St. Louis County, plead guilty to interstate commerce to promote prostitution. According to the victim, McFarland posted nude pictures of the teen online, forced her to sleep with strange older men, got her hooked on numerous narcotics, and even burnt off her entire head of hair during the abuse. McFarland was sentenced to five years in federal prison for her crimes.

Please do not allow activist Jeremy Hammond to spend more time in prison than child sex trafficker Latasha Jewell McFarland. Jeremy's actions did not cause physical harm to another being, nor were they sadistic, greedy, or malicious. Jeremy behaved as a man who felt a patriotic duty to inform the American people of a growing surveillance state on a path to crush dissent, activism, and investigative journalism in this great nation.

Although Jeremy's actions violated the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, as journalist I believe his actions were brave and necessary. I am thankful that Jeremy informed the public about Stratfor [REDACTED] not only compromises the First Amendment, but also threatens the existence of my profession.

Please sentence Jeremy with leniency and compassion for his actions, which he undertook as politically-motivated acts of non-violent civil disobedience due to his unrelenting compassion for the American people and their right to know.

Sincerely,



Amber Lyon  
[REDACTED]

Dear, Honorable Chief Judge Loretta A. Preska:

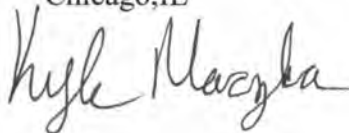
I am a concerned activist and humanitarian. What I am concerned about is the sentencing of Jeremy Hammond. As you know Jeremy Hammond is to be sentenced to ten years or less of prison time. What he has done he has done with nothing but the best of the people in mind. Including people like you and me. He exposed a corruption and what could be considered borderline illegal activities by a company.

The harsh punishment of 10 years is completely out of line. Comparatively his co-defendants in Ireland will not be prosecuted and that in the United Kingdom, those who were already convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison.

With all this considered I am asking for leniency on behalf of Jeremy Hammond. I ask that his sentence be commuted to time served. I hope that you take this and the many other letters to heart. Jeremy did what he did not for any monetary gain nor prospect of fame. He did this for you me and every other citizen that is concerned with their privacy.

Kyle Maczka

Chicago,IL



Chase Madar  


Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 15, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I'm writing to request leniency in your sentence for Jeremy Hammond.

My name is Chase Madar and I'm an attorney, journalist and author. I write about foreign affairs and national security for some progressive publications, like The Nation and Le Monde diplomatique, also for some conservative ones, like The National Interest and the American Conservative magazine. And I'm the author of a book about Chelsea Manning, Wikileaks' source inside the US military.

I've never met Jeremy, and I don't know if I ever will. But I have written about him in a comment for The Nation, written right after Aaron Swartz committed suicide while under indictment for violating the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.

The CFAA is the law of our land. And as a member of the New York Bar, I of course take our laws seriously. But I do think the CFAA as we know it today is dangerously broad, and dangerously punitive.

To be sure, Jeremy has pleaded guilty to violating the CFAA. But let us note that in other advanced, democratic nations, people who do what Jeremy did do not face anywhere near the same penalties. For instance, Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland won't be prosecuted at all. His co-defendants in the UK will not spending more than 16 months in prison.

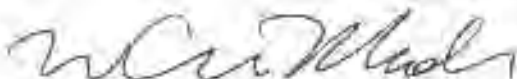
This, I believe, is the range of punishment that should be considered for Jeremy. For one, his transgression was instigated by an agent provocateur working with the FBI. It is far from clear that Jeremy would have done what he did without the active guidance of "Sabu". Second, the intrusive activities of private security firms like Stratfor can be legitimately seen as a far greater risk to our security and even freedom than anything the defendant did. Many Americans, myself very much included, have greeted the exposure of Stratfor's data collection as a public service.



All justice systems worthy of the name have some form of clemency built in—the potential for pardons and commutations, or discretion granted to the judge in sentencing. This is a recognition that the law sometimes lags behind justice, and that one size does not fit all when determining a sentence.

You have a momentous choice before you, which will have life-altering consequences for the defendant and his family. I hope you will therefore show leniency to Jeremy Hammond, which would be best for him and for our country. Should you wish I'd be happy to discuss any of this with you personally; [REDACTED]

Sincerely,



Chase Madar, Esq

Dear Honorable Judge Preska,

My name is Naomi & I live in New York City with my beautiful four year old daughter. I work with Streetworks / Safe Horizon where our mission is to provide homeless youth with an array of services including housing them in our very own youth shelter, vocational counseling, and G.E.D. services among many other valuable services and resources that will help them on their road to becoming productive members of society. I am aware that Jeremy Hammond has pled guilty to charges of violation of the computer fraud and abuse act. I am writing this letter to ask you for leniency.

I know Jeremy's friends and loved ones and know Jeremy to be an extremely thoughtful, compassionate, and caring young man. It concerns me the amount of time he is facing and hope that you can find it in your heart to rule the lightest possible sentencing. I know Jeremy has made some mistakes but I truly believe he has learned from these mistakes and is a well intentioned young man. I feel that the lightest possible sentencing could give Jeremy the opportunity to assimilate back into society and like my clients, become a productive member of society. So please Mrs. Preska, offer Jeremy the only second chance available to him by using leniency in this case.

Respectfully, Naomi Madsen

Judge Loretta A. Preska –

I am writing you as a concerned citizen, young person, member of the American workforce, and outraged human, on behalf of Jeremy Hammond. I am aware that Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. It's also been made apparent that because of this Act that ridicules any semblance of democracy, I am not to defend Jeremy's actions, that I am not to argue his innocence, and that all I may ask for of our democracy is that he may be granted leniency.

So, here goes – Jeremy Hammond was born three years before me and raised just outside of my hometown, Chicago. He attended the University of Illinois on full scholarship, was a bright and talented child, worked throughout his adult life, and somehow managed to remain politically active – his American right responsibility, and duty – without becoming jaded, without becoming a cynic, and without fear.

Never mind that he will be punished for violating the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, written long before the internet was created. Never mind that his co-defendants in Ireland and in the U.K. will spend no longer than sixteen months in prison. Never mind that Jeremy's crimes were not for personal gain, but for the integrity of our democracy.

Jeremy and I were enrolled in grade school at the same time. The third-grader in me really wants to believe that acts of civil disobedience – meant to inform the public of what its government is up to – would not be the reason for a brilliant young person's intelligence and compassion to go to waste until he is 38. I really hope you agree.

Regards,



Katherinna A. Marhoefer

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 14, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Gina Mendoza and I work in the biotech industry at a large international biopharmaceutical company. I learned about the internet community known as, "Anonymous" and hactivist Jeremy Hammond by happenstance. Because the industry I work in evolves quickly and becomes ever more reliant upon computers and computer software and to maintain a marketable skill set, I started taking computer programming courses at the local junior college.

Programming can be fun but it can also be difficult, labor intensive and boring at times. Once I became aware how difficult it can be to master just one computer language (and there are many that I want to learn), I couldn't help but be impressed with the knowledge and skills of the world's computer wizards. By visiting various web sites, desperately searching for clues on what code I could use to complete a particular homework assignment, I began to see chatter about the hacker community, "Anonymous"; I liked them instantly because of the noble actions that they took to help others. I saw nothing sinister about them. I still believe they are the "good guys".

The high profile target attacks of LulzSec, an offshoot of "Anonymous" were different, their targets were scary and I began to fear for the computer wizards (most likely young guys) that were involved. Just like the story of Zorro, the peasant population secretly routed for their hero in a mask. From what I've read, there are codes of conduct that even hackers are held to, cross the line and you will be shunned, exiled, banished. I believe that Jeremy Hammond has an honorable code of ethics, that he is a great humanitarian and that he deserves all the leniency the court has the power to give.

Jeremy Hammond is not a criminal and should not be incarcerated. His actions follow in the tradition of history's great activists, such as Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King, Gandhi, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Cesar Chavez, the list goes on and on. Where would South Africa be today without Nelson Mandela? Where would India be today without the actions of Gandhi? Where would we women be today without the actions and efforts of Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton? These women fought for over *seventy years* for the cause of women's suffrage and sadly, they died before the fruits of their efforts were realized. These women were considered radicals and anarchists in their day, but to me they are heroes.

Please be mindful that Jeremy Hammond is a kind, generous, trusting soul and every day that he spends incarcerated puts him in grave danger. Please consider the traumatic psychological impact and scars incarceration inflicts upon vulnerable inmates. On November 15th, please let him go home to his family.

Yours Sincerely,

Gina Mendoza

  
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October 7,2013

Honorable Loretta A Presca  
Chief Justice  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
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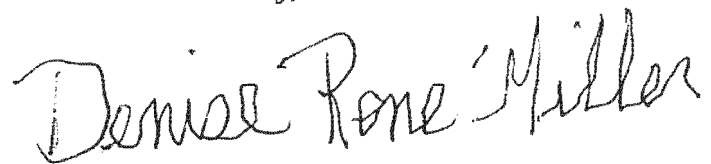
Dear Justice Presca:

I am writing this letter in behalf of Jeremy Hammond. Although I do not know Jeremy personally, I have been writing to him on a regular basis. As a retired Correctional R.N., I detect in Jeremy a sincerity for transparency in government. While I do not agree with the Stratfor hack, I see the information provided put undue stress on influential people. The elite power crowd. Having said this, there were many illegal and unethical deals and lots of money made. Jeremy profitted none.

I know he will have to serve time. Time served should be included in his sentence. Jeremy should be given the same consideration as Martha Stewart and other nonviolent offenders. Jeremy should be placed in a low to medium or camp type lockdown. In the spirit of the BOP, visitation and family interaction is important in inmate life. Jeremy is young and has family who love him. It is only humane to place him in custody near his family. The BOP is correct by supporting family interactions and not providing a hardship in creating distance barriers.

It is my prayer Jeremy receive humane consideration and appropriate placement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denise Rene Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Subject: Letter to Judge Preska  
Date: October 7, 2013 9:21:26 PM EDT  
To: [REDACTED]

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 7, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

Greetings, Judge Preska. I am an attorney in Chicago with a nascent practice in Internet law, specifically copyright. I understand that Jeremy Hammond has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act ("CFAA"). I write to beg you for compassion in sentencing him.

The CFAA is a fair law on its face, however, its details create unjust outcomes. The CFAA was designed and written before the modern Internet took shape. More importantly, its punishments lean heavily in favor of corporations like Stratfor.

Laws are funny things. I might commit an act in one year without punishment, but if I do it in another year I may spend 50 years in jail. Society chooses to criminalize certain behavior but not others. However, only a portion of society chooses to criminalize certain behavior. That portion of society often has the most access to legislators.

Allow us to analogize Jeremy and Stratfor to the criminal law. If Jeremy walks down an alleyway in Chicago and spots Stratfor in the act of committing a violent crime against an innocent woman, does Jeremy have a right to violently intervene against Stratfor? In most circumstances, Jeremy would not have a right to be violent toward Stratfor. However, when Jeremy observes and catches Stratfor in the act of committing violence, it changes the moral outcome of Jeremy's behavior. It may not completely absolve Jeremy of moral or legal guilt, but the total circumstances will justify most of Jeremy's actions.

I hope you will not find the analogy too strained to apply to the facts of the case at hand and that you will bear it in mind while you accept the weighty task of sentencing a young man with a future brighter than most. You now obtain the impossible pressure of deciding how long that brightness will be enslaved and shuttered in an unmistakable darkness.

I hope you are well.

Best,  
Billy

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Billy Joe Mills, Esq.

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*Michele Moore*

[REDACTED]  
Monday, October 14, 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007

Dear Judge Preska,

I am a career banker who has a great appreciation and reverence for corporate data security. I was hired by a precursor of SunTrust Bank in Atlanta for their first McKinsey client team and spent twenty years there working in internal management and technology consulting.

Anyone who has ever worked in corporate data security knows that management rarely wants to spend enough money to keep their data secure. If management doesn't perceive they have a problem, they simply don't spend the money they need to support the recommendations of their data security staff.

The high visibility of the Stratfor action dramatically and directly affected many powerful, prestigious people who are in positions to influence or control corporate data security programs. The fact that this breach happened to such a high profile, intelligence organization like Stratfor, reinforces that message.

A large sector of influential corporate managers who had never heard of "plain text" password storage now understands that this is basic data security negligence. They asked their own organizations, "What are we doing to keep ourselves secure?"

The direct result of Jeremy Hammond's actions is that American corporate data is more secure.

I believe the good Jeremy Hammond's actions have done has been largely overlooked and urge leniency in his sentencing. The key factors we all need to consider are:

1. Jeremy Hammond did not act for personal profit or financial gain. He could have made a great deal of money from selling the trove of Strafor secrets but he did not do this. Instead,
2. Jeremy made the results of his actions public so that others could gain from Stratfor's experiences. He easily could have slipped away unnoticed.

No organization wants to be embarrassed the way Stratfor was. Had the breach been kept quiet would the same strong, beneficial actions and reactions have occurred? No. Corporate cover ups invariably hurt their own efficiency and effectiveness because the pain from problems is not directed for gain or to strengthen the security of their operations.

The good Jeremy Hammond did together with his good intentions merit and deserve a lenient sentence.

Best wishes,

*Michele Moore*

Michele Moore  
[REDACTED]

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Aisha Musa. I am a university professor at a small college. I am not personally acquainted with Jeremy Hammond. However, as an American, I am very concerned about this case. I am aware that Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA), but I strongly believe he should be treated with compassion. Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland and in the United Kingdom were given treatment that is disparate, those who are already convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison, and some have already been released. Jeremy's punishment should not be harsher than that of his co-defendants just because he lives in the United States. The United States should be a leading example of justice tempered by compassion in the world. Jeremy's case provides an opportunity to be just such an example.

Sincerely,



Aisha Musa

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Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I'm Murtaza Neki, a recent graduate of MIT living in Nacogdoches, Texas. I don't know Jeremy Hammond but have followed his case, which of course has gotten international attention. I understand that Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, and that sentencing is scheduled for November.

I respectfully urge you to grant Jeremy leniency in sentencing. I understand that co-defendants in this case based in Ireland and the U.K. won't get more than 16 months in prison, and I feel that Jeremy should be treated with similar leniency.

The MIT community which I come from is still reeling from the death of internet activist Aaron Swartz, who committed suicide from <sup>the</sup> stress of politically motivated legal action taken against him, hugely disproportionate to the size of his alleged crime. The Computer Fraud and Abuse Act was abused then, and I'm wary of its continued abuse by prosecutors in the courts.

In light of this, I urge you to grant Jeremy a lenient sentencing.

Sincerely,  
Murtaza Neki  
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**From:** Ramsey Nasser [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Leniency for Jeremy  
**Date:** October 14, 2013 11:10:34 [REDACTED]  
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Dear Judge Preska,

My name is Ramsey Nasser. I am a computer scientist, software engineer, and college professor living and working in New York City. I do not personally know Jeremy, but I am familiar with what he has done and its implications, and I am writing to you to ask for leniency in your sentencing. This case is important to me for many reasons, but primarily because of severity of what Jeremy is facing versus the leniency with which much more critical crimes have been treated.

Jeremy did not act out of malice, or for personal gain. While he has confessed to violating the law, his motive was to leak troubling information and work towards a more transparent, accountable world. He stood to gain nothing. For this, he is facing a maximum of 10 years in prison, wasting the final years of his 20s and most of his 30s before he gets out.

In the rest of America, corporations and the individuals behind them regularly bend and break the law for personal financial gain and are not treated with nearly as much severity. The financial crisis that has hobbled this country for five years is the result of the actions of a number of wealthy men high up at large banks and financial companies. These actions included price fixing and insider trading, and have negatively affected the daily experience of millions of Americans. Yet, most of those responsible have not seen the inside of a courtroom. With access to lobbyists and expensive lawyers, the rules are tipped in their favor.

While I write code for a living, my father is a lawyer and my grandfather was a judge. I know that they went into the field of law because they believed that legislation and the courts are the pillars of society. I know that my father and his father believed they could have a hand in building a just world for themselves and everyone around them, and I know you believe the same. Ask yourself, then, What does it mean to you when you put on your robe? Is this disparity a part of the society you want to architect? Does it reflect your idea of justice?

I ask that you sentence Jeremy to time served. I am turning to you for the hope that there is still a place for individuals to seek fair treatment in America, and that we haven't sold everything to corporations.

Thank you for your time,

Ramsey Nasser  
[REDACTED]



From: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Hello  
Date: October 12, 2013 12:10:56 [REDACTED]  
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October 12 2011

Dear Judge Preska,

Let me start off with introducing myself. My name is [REDACTED], I'm a fourteen year old from Indianapolis. I am a programmer trainee, and a cyber activist. I love things like computers, Mathematics, Science, etc..

How about we stop talking about me, let's move onto why I am emailing you today. I am here emailing you about one of your cases, the Jeremy Hammond case. You see, I, as a cyber activist, am always interested in these things. I look at Jeremy Hammond's case, and I'm instantly interested. As we both know, Jeremy is a programmer/web developer.

Yes, we both know everything..It's just that there's this gap within me. I feel that Jeremy Hammond should receive leniency on his sentencing. Jeremy has been programming since he was 11, and has showed amazing potential. Heck, he's already showed this potential by founding the website [hackthissite.org](http://hackthissite.org)..Jeremy has truly inspired me. I've been learning to program, because of people like Jeremy..

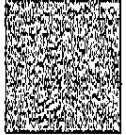
I've seen others like Jeremy get arrested. Aaron Swartz, Edward Snowden, etc. All have inspired me. Aaron wanted to make education free by [attempting] to release JSTOR's database..He got killed for it. And Edward here, leaked (and is leaking) important documents that a lot of people should know..He's already been charged, but he's currently in a different country.

Have I ever met Jeremy Hammond? No..I haven't..Just from looking at what this man has done, through his protesting and programming..It's truly amazing. A young man, trying to change the world, is all I can see.

The amount of good Jeremy can do, and already has done, is astounding. Just me thinking about it makes me want to be even more like Jeremy.

Here's some reasons on why I think Jeremy should receive leniency in his sentencing.

- 1.) Jeremy Hammond's co-defendants won't be facing that. You probably know this already, but the maximum Jeremy's co-defendants face is not even 16 months. Why would Jeremy get more?
- 2.) A lot of Jeremy's charges are under the CFAA. We both know the CFAA is really vague, it had lead to people killing themselves because of it's intense charges. (Aaron Swartz)

**KIRSTEN CLAIRE OLSON, ESQ.**

10/10/2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

**Dear Judge Preska:**

My name is Kirsten Olson and I am an attorney licensed in both Illinois and Florida with close to 20 years' experience as an attorney. My experience includes working on the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee in Washington D.C.; acting as Senior Attorney for the State of Florida Department of Children and Families, as well as practicing many years as a private attorney which included pro-bono work. Throughout my two decades of practicing law, never have I seen a case that warrants more compassion than that of Jeremy Hammond. I write to you today to ask for leniency.

As you are aware, Jeremy Hammond has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, an outdated law written before the Internet was even created, which gives absurdly broad powers to prosecutors to criminalize an ambiguously defined plethora of online activity and pursue extreme and disproportionate sentences. The sentencing guidelines for a non-violent crime such as computer abuse are not fitting for the severity of the crime. The fact this law is abused and outdated is evidenced by pending Congressional legislation to reform it, specifically HR 2454 and SB 1196, commonly known as 'Aaron's Law.' In addition, HR 2565, The Public Safety Enhancement Act, helps non-violent prisoners, like those convicted of computer based crimes, earn privileges and credit towards time served as well as be eligible for alternative custody, such as halfway houses, home confinement, ankle bracelets, etc. This legislation was introduced bi-partisan which shows the overwhelming support for reform in general.

As for Jeremy Hammond's case specifically, Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland and in the U.K. will spend no more than 16 months in prison, and many have been already released. Jeremy has been jailed since March, 2012, awaiting trial, and now sentencing. He did nothing for personal gain and everything in hopes of making the world a better place. He didn't pursue or receive financial gain; his actions were a means of political protest. Sexual predators have faced less time than Mr. Hammond. There are so many other facets and aspects of this case relating to the CFAA that are beyond reprehension. I plead with you to put an end to this and apply leniency.

Respectfully,

Kirsten Claire Olson, Esq.



Honorable Loretta A. Preska

Chief Judge

Southern District of New York

500 Pearl Street

New York, NY 10007

October 14, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I'm nobody special. Just another American, struggling to find enough work to support himself. I've always had the hope of doing something with my life that will make a difference. As a bachelor of arts in psychology, I'm especially interested in the use of my fair art for both good and ill. One advantage of underemployment is the opportunity to learn about what's going on in my beloved country. What I've learned about the weaponization of psychology, into PSYOP, has greatly disturbed me.

As a Navy brat, from a line of veterans stretching back to the Civil War, I grew up thinking that everything the government did was just, proper, and for the well being of citizens. Then I learned about COINTELPRO, the FBI program that targeted domestic political orations absent any evidence of wrongdoing. Such a betrayal of the trust we place in our representatives and functionaries has no place in the America I believe in.

Back in the day, during the Reagan administration's funding of the terrorists known as Contra in Nicaragua, I took it upon myself to educate my fellow citizens by chalking information on the campus of Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA. Unbeknownst to my partner and me, someone else was on campus at the same time, trying the doors of buildings.

When the police arrived to investigate, and couldn't find the perpetrators, they happened upon my friend and me. Not wanting to waste a trip, they decided to arrest us. To this day, my partner still laughs his head off when he remembers seeing an officer kneeling on my back, triumphantly holding up a piece of chalk and shouting, "I got the chalk! I got the chalk!"

We were charged with malicious mischief in the third degree. But when the prosecuting attorney learned that we planned on raising a civil liberty defense, complete with detailed information about the illegal actions taken in our name by our government's funding of terrorists, the charges were dropped. Although disappointed, we were happy that justice

prevailed.

Jeremy Hammond revealed similar injustices taking place today. He knew his actions ran afoul of the letter of the law. But he believes in an America like I believe in, where citizens have not just a right but a duty to right such wrongs. Were it not for his commitment to the best American traditions, I and many others would be ignorant of underhanded efforts to fool us into believing in a world that just isn't there. There is evidence that suggests that the FBI played a less than honorable role in his downfall.

How can it be that the justice-minded actions of American citizens, when they break laws in the interest of revealing much greater crimes, can be severely punished while at the same time the unconscionable crimes they reveal are rewarded with huge sums of money and other ill-gotten honors by the very people and institutions entrusted to defend our hard-earned rights? Such perversions of justice themselves are the greater threat.

Mr. Hammond has taken responsibility for his actions. It's in the best interests of the best traditions of America that he be shown leniency. His co-defendants, in Ireland and the United Kingdom, have faced nowhere near the kind of sentence he faces. In fact, some have already been released, while others won't spend more than 16 months in prison. The truth about where America stands today: as a champion of civil liberties, or their enemy, will be revealed by the sentence he receives.

I implore you to show the world that America can still be a champion of civil and human rights by showing leniency to Jeremy Hammond. I implore you to help those who only seek to set us back on the path of our best traditions. I implore you to let justice prevail.

Sincerely,



David W. Parker

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Joshua Parnell

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02 OCTOBER 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Preska:


My name is Joshua Parnell. I am a computer technician for a major corporation, a college student, a husband, and father of two beautiful girls. I have only recently heard of Jeremy Hammond's strife, and as a citizen of these United States and a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn, I can honestly say that I am disappointed in our government. I claim to hold no knowledge over what Jeremy did in terms of its legality, but I can tell you this: the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act is an outdated abomination of a modern society and legal system. It is now what is commonly known as a "Blue Law" in the eyes of most of the public. The only people it benefits is the corporations and government entities that wish to put its citizenry in harm.

In the state of Georgia, it is illegal for a donkey to be kept in a bathtub. This law is as ridiculous as the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. If Jeremy Hammond spends a single day incarcerated after his sentencing for an archaic, outdated, and harmful law, I fully intend to protest by obtaining a donkey and storing it in my bathtub. In the eyes of the public, both laws hold the same exact merit.

I believe it was Thomas Jefferson that stated, "If a law is unjust, a man is not only right to disobey it, he is obligated to do so." Jeremy Hammond acted out of purely non-selfish reasons to expose the *criminal* espionage of innocent, private citizens by corporations and government entities. He acted without profit or personal gain. He wanted the truth known. If I were to conduct the same tactics used by Strategic Forecasting, I would be arrested for stalking.

I suppose the undertone of this letter is as such: JEREMY HAMMOND DOES NOT DESERVE ANY SENTENCE EXCEPT ABSOLUTE ABSOLVEMENT.

Sincerely,

  
Joshua Parnell  
A Concerned Citizen



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 21, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I am an attorney in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Friends of mine who are social justice activists alerted me to Jeremy Hammond's case, which I have followed closely for roughly one year now. I understand Mr. Hammond pleaded guilty to violating the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, but I write to respectfully request that he receive the most lenient sentence you can impose.

People who "engage in nonviolent direct action," as Martin Luther King Jr. wrote in his Letter from Birmingham Jail, "are not the creators of tension." Instead, they "merely bring to the surface the hidden tension that is already alive." For them, commitment to humanity is more important than commitment to laws.

Conspiring to engage in computer hacking may not strike you as displaying a commitment to humanity. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mr. Hammond conspired to engage in computer hacking because he believed people had a right to know what governments and corporations were doing behind closed doors.

Unfortunately, the law is often used as a tool to pacify and control activists. According to Peter Ludlow, a professor of philosophy at Northwestern University, "those most harshly prosecuted tend to be the ones that are challenging the established order, poking fun at the authorities, speaking truth to power – in other words, the gadflies of our society." Although Mr. Hammond violated the law, he should not be sentenced more harshly than someone whose actions were motivated by profit rather than politics.

Indeed, the reason Mr. Hammond should receive the most lenient sentence you can impose is that he attempted to do what he believed was right, not what he believed might be lucrative. So many of us are guilty of committing the latter crime. The world would be a much better place for our children and grandchildren had we opted for the former.



[REDACTED]

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

10/14/2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I am the Twitter Editor of an independent news site called WhoWhatWhy.org. I am aware that Jeremy Hammond has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act and is being sentenced on November 15th. I am writing to encourage you to consider leniency in his sentencing.

I believe he should be treated with compassion, as his was not a selfish crime, but one that provided information about growing corporate/government corruption and increased recklessness, most often based on the financial benefit of a few rather than security, that directly threatens life as we know it on this planet.

Two important stories at WhoWhatWhy.org were possible as a direct result of Jeremy's work.

- Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland will not be prosecuted and in the United Kingdom, those who are already convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison.
- The disproportionate sentences associated with the CFAA, or that the protection the CFAA affords to corporations is greater than those it affords to individuals, who may be subjected to surveillance by private corporations such as Stratfor. (For more information on the CFAA, please visit the website of the Electronic Frontier Foundation, <https://www.eff.org/issues/cfaa>)

Jeremy had no financial gain from his actions, which he undertook as politically-motivated acts of civil disobedience.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, I am confident you will make the right decision.

Sincerely,



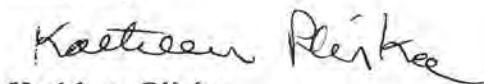
Trevin Pinto



To Judge Preska

This letter is in support of compassionate sentencing for the imprisoned young activist Jeremy Hammond. Though I do not know him personally he reminds me of many idealistic and intelligent young people I have met and care about; some are in my own family. I am a retired elementary school teacher whose computer skills are rudimentary at best so I admit I do not understand the technical aspects of what it is he did. From what I've read though he was not motivated by desire for financial gain or a destructive impulse to harm others but rather by his wish that our country remain true to it's ideals as a democracy. For many years I discussed these ideals with my elementary school students because I believed that while imperfect our country really was a democracy. But now with its harsh treatment of so many young activists and with the concentration of wealth and power in the hands of a few I am not so sure. This leaves me feeling sick and discouraged about my own part in spreading what was perhaps mere government propaganda. It seems to me that when a nation turns its back on and all but declares war on its brightest most idealistic young people the future for that nation is certainly grim. I believe and moral and just sentence would Jeremy's release with credit ffor time served. Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Pliska





Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York,  
NY 10007

October 14th, 2013

Re: Jeremy Hammond

Dear Judge Preska,

I'm an independent journalist who has spent much of the past decade covering cyber culture, both in the US and overseas. Though I'm not personally acquainted with Jeremy Hammond, his case falls within my area of expertise.

I am aware that Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, indeed I was in your courtroom on May 28th when he did so. Though he is clearly willing to take responsibility for his actions, I respectfully request that you to treat him with compassion and leniency.

The Computer Fraud and Abuse Act is cause for great concern within the online community, both because of its overbroad and vague language, and because the language itself predates HTML and therefore the very fabric of the World Wide Web. Furthermore, those found guilty under its auspices face sentences far harsher than those found guilty of real world crimes involving theft, physical violence, rape, and far more tangible damage and devastation – a disparity that seems intrinsically unfair.

Jeremy's actions, which violated the CFAA, were not motivated by malice or financial gain, but were an act of civil disobedience and a result of a young man's idealism and desire for social justice. Indeed, because crimes committed under the CFAA often tend to be ones of conscience – however misguided – it seems that a generation of activists are being penalized for an over-abundance of ingenuity and intelligence, especially when we compare the legal consequences of computer-based acts of civil disobedience to those perpetrated by activists prior to the information age.

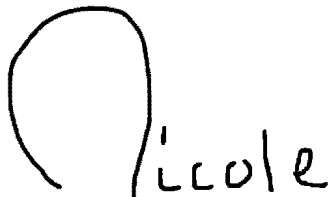
I would also urge you to consider that Jeremy's actions with regards to Stratfor were instigated and encouraged by a highly skilled FBI informant, who was working under the direct supervision of his FBI handlers. Jeremy was acting on information supplied by this informant, and the files he illegally liberated as a result of it were uploaded to an FBI server at the behest of this same FBI informant. One therefore can't help but wonder how much entrapment came into play. Indeed, it could be argued that the crimes for which Jeremy is already dearly paying, may never have occurred had he not crossed paths with the informant and been manipulated in this way.

It is likely partly because of this issue of entrapment that Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland were not prosecuted. Meanwhile, in the United Kingdom, though the comparable crimes of Jeremy's co-defendants there were successfully prosecuted, the resulting sentences were for no longer than 16 months in prison.

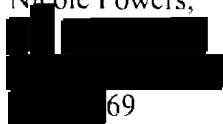
Jeremy has already spent far longer in jail than this. I would therefore implore you to release him with time served.

I thank you in advance for taking the time to read this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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Nicole Powers,

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Daniel Quackenbush



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 9, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I have lived in Lompoc, California for about 25 years. I don't personally know Jeremy Hammond. However, I have seen how the government and "big business" have become more and more closed, hiding information from citizens who need to know what government is doing. We can't truly be free when the government is so closed. It is difficult to participate in our government if we don't know what it is doing or not doing. I know that that Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, but I am not condemning you or anyone else for Jeremy's conviction. I'm merely asking for leniency because Jeremy's intention was not malicious. Jeremy deserves your compassion.

America has the infamous appellation of "incarceration nation." It's time to change that shame to pride in America. Jeremy's case is a good start for that change. As a matter of due process, sentences for crimes shouldn't be widely different.

- Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland will not be prosecuted -and in the United Kingdom, those who are already convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison. I don't believe Jeremy deserves any more incarceration than that already served, but at most he should be sentenced to know more than 16 months in prison (with credit for time served).
- The disproportionate sentences associated with the CFAA, or that the protection the CFAA affords to corporations is greater than those it affords to individuals, who may be subjected to surveillance by private corporations such as Stratfor.

Since Jeremy apparently had no financial gain from his actions (I will trust Your Honor's greater knowledge of the facts based on the evidence submitted to you), which he undertook as politically-motivated acts of civil disobedience, he deserves compassion and leniency.

I expect Your Honor to be compassionate, and I hope not to be disappointed. I thank you for all of the compassion you can offer within the law and the facts.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Quackenbush".

Daniel Quackenbush

October 07, 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Preska,

I have dedicated over 22 years of my life to the Information Technology and Computer Security Industry, specializing in all areas & supporting the government and military in all areas. There is nothing that I have not done in the service of this country and not one problem that I have not solved with the stroke of a pen, NOR countless braincycles.

I am writing to ask you to treat Jeremy Hammond with the utmost compassion as he has put his best foot forward to protect and uphold to the best of his ability the letter of the law, which we all know is out of sync and based upon principles rooted in The Old Testament - principles long since blown away by the New Testament.

This man has, based on my personal observations, acted with the most compassion and integrity any man could, and I am asking you to do the same.

Sincerely,  
Doreen H. Quade

[REDACTED]



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 10, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I am an ordinary citizen, writing to plead mercy for Jeremy Hammond. I am aware that Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. I believe Jeremy should be treated with compassion, and that the public interest would be served by leniency.

Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland will not be prosecuted and in the United Kingdom, those who are already convicted will not spend more than a few months in prison.

I'm not opposed to corporations like STRATFOR, and I believe in sensible measures to protect corporate data, but I believe the sentences associated with the CFAA are disproportionate, unnecessary to safeguard data, and unjust. To safeguard data, I believe mild sanctions applied reliably and consistently are more effective than harsh sentences which ruin some individual's lives, without affecting the underlying the culture of a company, which is the only thing that can safeguard data.

Jeremy's actions were not motivated by financial gain or his personal benefit. I am writing to plead for leniency on Jeremy's behalf.

Sincerely,



Krishna Rangarajan





Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 12, 2013

Honorable Judge Preska:

My name is Linda G. Richard. I am a human rights advocate and a grandmother raising two grandchildren on my own. While I do not know Jeremy personally I want to say I do appreciate his passion. He has very high ideals, and this is something to be applauded, especially these days with today's youth. As you know many of them are either completely apathetic or worse – they wind up doing drugs and throwing their lives away.

I understand Jeremy did plead guilty. I am asking you to please treat his case with compassion. He has his entire life ahead of him. I also know that some of his co-defendants are not going to be prosecuted at all, and those who were will not spend over 16 months in jail.

Judge you know that jail is no place for a young man like Jeremy. You know what happens to young men in prison, and it's a horrible thing. This crime does not warrant anything like that. Jeremy did not do this for monetary gain, and there was none. He did this solely as an act of civil disobedience. He is young, I do not believe he would repeat this. I believe he has learned his lesson.

Please Judge, please use leniency, he's never been in trouble before, and I don't believe he will be again, either. Prison will just harden him, and probably destroy him. Again we are all aware of the terrible things that go on with young men like him. I can't even stand the thought.

Take care, God Bless you,

Linda G. Richard



Honorable Loretta A. Freska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

10-15-2013

Dear Judge Freska:

As a New Yorker and a conscious American citizen; I find the sentencing of people such as Jeremy Hammond to harsher time then rapists and murderers a massive miscarriage of traditional American values.

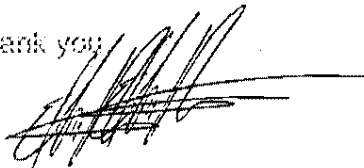
I am aware that Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. This act in and of itself is overly punitive and repressive.

It seems as if we in the US feel the answer to our woes is to throw everyone in prison. But the idea that 3 out of every 100 people in this nation are incarcerated is so supremely disturbing it mutes itself out of the daily consciousness.

Jeremy has acted as his consciousness - aligned with many of our own - dictated. That we should not be spying on our own. He has received no benefit other than a lost life for his bravery.

I implore you to leniency, this is not a man who hates America, but a man who loves it.

Thank you



Ethan Rosch  
New York, NY

ADDRESS:  
Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Preska,

My name is Dean Scarpinato and I am an Acupuncturist in Chicago. I have never met Jeremy but am acquainted on FB with some of his dear friends and of one thing I am certain. Jeremy has acted out of a conscientious courage that makes him a good man, despite the fact that Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.

To be certain this also makes him a very intelligent man in that I cannot begin to comprehend how one goes about hacking, in the first place. This is a level of skill that I for one do not possess. This in itself tells me that he would be of far greater value to society as a free man.

Jeremy is a kind person acting out of an idealism which we may lose as we age, but at some level truly must respect. Just today a 15 year old boy hung himself because the law would make him a sex offender for streaking. Seriously? Is this justice?

Would it be justice to lock up a kid like Jeremy whose crimes are basically pranks, or at worst the kind of thing that the NSA is doing to us all? Perhaps our anger is misdirected and it is easier to tell this young man that he is evil, then to actually face down the much greater Security State that threatens the very fabric of what the Founders attempted to establish and enshrine in our Constitutional Democracy.

Even his co-defendants in Ireland have been treated with more understanding as the punishment should, in a just society, fit the crime. What he did was an act of civil disobedience which was motivated by conscience. He did not profit from these acts. In fact he has risked everything to do what he thought to be right. Even if his acts are misguided, they come from an innocent albeit perhaps naive motive.

Let us not compound injustice by punitive and draconian measures, in a world already overflowing with bloodshed and oppression, that make us wonder "do these people in power share any human values or are they all simply petty tyrants?" Better yet, to show leniency and understanding could send a message that the US is still a place where cruel and unusual punishment is not tolerated.

You have the power in your hands to show mercy. You also have the power to be yet another unjust tyrant. Imagine for a second that Universal Justice truly exists and that what you give you shall receive, perhaps in another life and perhaps in some personal



“undeserved” tragedy. Imagine too that you are the author of your own fate, and that all the riches and honors and false praise and ill gained profits cannot erase the fact that in less than the blink of an eye we all soon find out what eternity truly holds.

As a judge would you not agree that in such an incorruptible court it would behoove us all to be clothed in mercy and righteousness? I believe it was Mark Twain who said “teaching our children not to step on an ant is as valuable for our children as it is for the ant.” I have lived by that. I will not hesitate to put the hammer down when righteousness warrants it. But I know too, that most of the time there is a better way. And when I have acted out of compassion and mercy the results have ALWAYS been better for me, and for others than when I have acted out of vengeance.

This is a case that warrants such an act of compassion. Jeremy is not escaping unpunished. Far from it. He’s been punished enough. We can be certain that he has not enjoyed his time in jail, by any stretch of the imagination.

Look in his heart. You know he’s a decent kid. And you know that he was trying to right some of societies wrongs. In that way he is on the side of the angels. That is the side to be on, I assure you. If you have ever experienced mercy or compassion you know how profound and beautiful it is. You have the power now to bring a little into this sick and anguished world. And may it blot out some other error we all inevitably commit in the eyes of God. And may it remove burdens and destroy yokes, that you too feel a sense of freedom. For most certainly, as we give so shall we receive.

May Providence smile upon your path.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean Scarpinato". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Dean Scarpinato

Aaron Schaefer  
[Redacted]

10/15/13

on. Judge Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
200 Pearl St.  
New York, New York 10007

Dear Judge Preska,

I am writing from Denver Colorado, my place of residence, where I am a university student, to request leniency in the case of Jeremy Hammond. I understand that Jeremy has been convicted - I am asking for your consideration of light sentences for us co-defendants in Ireland and the U.K. when passing sentence. While I do not have the pleasure of being personally acquainted with Jeremy, I am aware of his past and reputation for compassionate, non-violent civil disobedience.

I thank you for your time and consideration, and I ask you for compassion.

Sincerely,



Aaron Schaefer

Robert B. Schwartz  


Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY

October 11, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

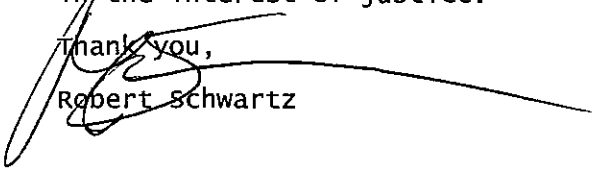
My name is Robert Schwartz and I am taking a few moments to write to you on behalf of Jeremy Hammond.

In January of 2002, I had the opportunity to travel to Afghanistan with the NGO, Relief International. In Dashti Qa'leh for a month, I had a chance to observe first-hand the consequences of American foreign policy. As such, I find the responsibility to be an informed citizen and voter to be of utmost importance.

As a nation, and a globe, we are currently in the midst of a discussion as to the proper balance between security and liberty, and between democracy and secrecy. For surely, democracy itself is devoid of meaning when the electorate is deprived of the very specific information of government activities engaged in in our names. Only those documents whose disclosures actually threaten sources and methods should rightly be classified. And then, only when those methods are in accordance with the Constitution of the United States and all treaties ratified by the Senate, including the UN Charter.

In a situation that I find highly repugnant, in this case this is information that itself resides in a private, corporate setting contracted by government.

Mr. Hammond has pled guilty to one count. He was motivated solely by the desire to empower we the people, and not for any financial or other gain. Civil disobedience has a long and proud history. I urge you to sentence Jeremy Hammond to time served in the interest of justice.

Thank you,  
  
Robert Schwartz



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 14, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I am a journalist who has been covering the post-9/11 surveillance infrastructure that cropped up in our nation, and around the world, to assure that another such attack never occur again.

I am aware Jeremy Hammond has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA), an outdated piece of legislation which was enacted before the modern Internet even existed. This same legislation was used to silence Aaron Swartz, a co-founder of Reddit and one of America's most innovative tech entrepreneurs. Under the pressure of the staggering CFAA charges facing him, he took his own life.

The New Yorker described the CFAA as "the most outrageous criminal law you've never heard of," and even former Justice Department official Orin Kerr has spoken out against it.

I am asking for your leniency and compassion in regard to Jeremy's sentencing, so that he may be sent home on account of time already served. This is a young man who is clearly technologically gifted -- at a time when many in Silicon Valley lament a possible "brain drain" in the United States, it would be a shame for him to rot away in prison on account of a law that many in Congress are working to reform.

Based on the research I have seen, it is clear that Jeremy acted from a place of conscience, and I believe his actions are even more important within the context of the recent N.S.A. revelations published in The New York Times and The Guardian.

Powerful surveillance companies have emerged in the years following 9/11, many of them indirectly or directly financed by the taxpayer, and thanks to Jeremy it has been revealed that what they actually do sometimes falls far short of what we are told they do -- in this case, we saw that they were cynically targeting human rights activists, pondering ways to discredit and humiliate major newspaper journalists, etc. These practices are not in line with American principles, nor international law.

I am certain for every letter you receive, there are thousands more who are watching this case closely and trusting that "the system" will find a way to return Jeremy to the outside world, to his friends and family, where he can endeavor to be a productive member of society.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

With gratitude and respect,

David Seaman  
Los Angeles, California

[REDACTED]

October 11, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Rachel Sedacca, I am from Ventura, CA. I have become familiar with the case of Jeremy Hammond and am writing to encourage leniency and compassion when determining the sentence that Mr. Hammond will be required to serve after pleading guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.

I have personal experience with the effect that long-term incarceration can do and it can crumble even the strongest soul. I feel that this punishment does not fit the crime and will do irreparable damage to this non-violent, well-intended soul. Jeremy did not do this out of greed or personal gain; he considered his actions to be helpful to those who are fighting for freedom, up against insurmountable opposition. He is facing a maximum sentence of ten years, but the minimum is zero. Jailed since March 2012, he has already served longer sentences than many of those offenders who have committed heinous crimes against innocent citizens, often times children. I believe in the over year and a half of his incarceration, he has learned his lesson and again, unlike many of the violent and hardened criminals he is living with in prison, he is not likely to repeat his offense. It's time for him to come home.

Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland and in the United Kingdom were given treatment that is disparate, those who are already convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison, and some have already been released. The disproportionate sentences associated with the CFAA, or that the protection the CFAA affords to corporations is greater than those it affords to individuals, who may be subjected to surveillance by private corporations such as Stratfor.

This is wrong. Please do not make Jeremy an example of un-just sentences. Use the power given to you by the people of the United States of America to right this wrong and release Jeremy as soon as possible with "time served".

Sincerely,



Rachel Sedacca



Megan L. Selby  


Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 17, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Megan Selby. I am a faith-based community organizer within the Unitarian Universalist church in Chicago, IL. I organize other people in my church to support movements for racial and economic justice. When I first heard about Jeremy Hammond I was so grateful to him for exposing injustices happening in our country and abroad. It reminded me of one of my favorite church songs, "This Little Light of Mine"; Jeremy has shone the light on injustice.

I recently learned that Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. I am praying that you have compassion for Jeremy and show him leniency. He has nothing to gain financially from his actions, which he undertook as politically-motivated acts of civil disobedience. Like the people of my church, he wishes to see injustice exposed. Only then can we hope to change it. May you look to your heart and soul for answers.

Sincerely,

  
Megan Selby

Honorable Chief Judge Loretta A. Preska  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 9, 2013

RE: Jeremy Hammond

Dear Judge Preska:

I write in support of Jeremy Hammond and to ask for leniency in his sentencing. I am a recent graduate of New York University School of Law and member of the New York City National Lawyers Guild.


I have known Jeremy for a little over a year. Jeremy is a peaceful, compassionate and humble individual. His commitment to others is reflected in the way he has spent his time in prison: from early on in his placement at MCC Manhattan, Jeremy began teaching English as a Second Language and GED-level mathematics to other inmates. When I inquired about how things were going for him, rather than focusing on his own experience, his main complaint was that there weren't enough math textbooks for everyone who wanted to study for the GED.

I am aware that Jeremy has pled guilty to his second count of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. I also am aware that many of the "hacks" Jeremy committed were conceived of and motivated by an FBI informant who, along with FBI agents, convinced Jeremy to target specific websites. Although the informant's actions may not qualify as entrapment, it is relevant that Jeremy did not have the malicious motivation to turn people into victims; rather, he was motivated by his commitment to anti-racism and civil liberties in committing these acts of politically-motivated civil disobedience.

Jeremy has admitted to his guilt and taken responsibility for the harm he has caused. His actions were nonviolent and he did not financially benefit from them; although he had the opportunity to take money for himself, he never once did so.

Jeremy has spent over a year in prison among violent individuals facing much more serious charges than his own. As a nonviolent offender motivated by political beliefs, a longer prison sentence is not necessary to meet the goals of specific deterrence in his case. The fact of prosecuting Jeremy for his actions has provided general deterrence to other individuals who may consider using "hacking" as a political methodology. Sentencing Jeremy to time served would be sufficient to serve the justice system's goals of retribution and deterrence, and would allow Jeremy the opportunity to return to his community, where he has a great deal of support, and focus on rehabilitation. I ask that you take these factors into consideration and exercise leniency when deciding on an appropriate sentence for Jeremy.

Respectfully,

  
Taeva Shefler, J.D.

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 1007

10/08/13

Dear Judge Preska,

My name is Hugh Sillitoe, I am a graduate student within the Division of Social Sciences at the University of Chicago. I write to you to encourage your leniency in the sentencing of Jeremy Hammond on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November. I am aware that Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA).


I am very concerned about the possibility of a young person being sent to prison for an act of civil disobedience wrought from a compassionate and concerned nature. Jeremy's actions brought him no financial gain and, whilst illegal, were borne out of a desire to make the world a better place. From all reports, I am confident that if allowed to come home, Jeremy will transfer this community-mindedness into productive legal pursuits.

Taking a global view, Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland are not facing prosecution, whilst the maximum sentence faced by his British co-defendants is 16 months, although this I feel is still far too harsh a sentence for a crime with only benevolent intentions and devoid of any malice.

I sincerely hope that you will demonstrate leniency in Jeremy's case on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November. Since his arrest in March 2012 he has been punished more than enough. Please allow him to come home.

Yours,

*Hugh Sillitoe*

Hugh Sillitoe  


From: eli [REDACTED] >  
Subject: **Jeremy Hammond Leniency Letter**  
Date: October 14, 2013 10:40:41 PM EDT  
To: [REDACTED]

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Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 14, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Elias Silva. I am a graphic designer and small business owner, a community volunteer and a former pastor. I write today to ask your leniency with Jeremy Hammond who has pled guilty before the court for violating the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA). I have never met Jeremy Hammond. I do not know Jeremy personally, but he has made a profound impact on my life for the positive. I know the media has written extensively about how bad "hackers" are. However, I do not find this to be the case with Jeremy. A committed friend and activist, Jeremy is hardly a dangerous person. I have paid close attention to this case because of the implications it has for civil rights for internet research, and technology workers. I believe that precisely because of the guilty plea, Jeremy should be treated with leniency and compassion.

The CFAA is an outdated very broad law that puts technology workers like myself in a state of apprehension about security research, information collection and acts of conscience in the public interest. Every day, murderers, rapists and all manner of truly harmful and dangerous people commit crimes that have real impact on people's lives and bodies. These crimes are dangerous, and endanger people, but Jeremy did not attempt to cause a war, or hack the electrical grid. It seems that in the last five years, a string of high-publicity cases has made the very act of violating a terms of service agreement (that thing most of us skip over,) a federal offense punishable with the harshest schedules of sentencing.

As a pastor, and community volunteer, I have seen how when you empower a child with technology, their face lights up, their life finds meaning, they commit themselves to studying programming, and other forms of technology. Internet technology is still an area where the law needs to catch up, and this could be a great place to create room for a discussion that reduces sentences on non-violent crimes like this and is more equitable with Europe's sentencing standards. Jeremy's co-defendants in Europe were convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison, while Jeremy faces up to ten years for a non-violent offense. In the name of justice and an intentional push towards an international standard for computer related crimes, I would ask your clemency. I believe Jeremy should have a sentence that falls in line with those of his co-defendants.

The CFAA is being used to bully individuals while providing undue amounts of protection to corporate entities. If we remember the context of this case, significant financial gain could have been made by someone in Jeremy's position, and secretly. He could have sold secrets to foreign governments, or competitors. Instead, he has pled guilty to releasing the document and emails of violations of the bill of rights into the public domain. His actions exposed a complex network of Big Brother companies who have made it their work to continuously breach the Bill of Rights that are granted to all American citizens. This politically motivated act of free speech in the public interest deserves our public appreciation, not our disdain.

Your honor, in all history, there have been voices that dared to stand against the establishment in the public interest. From Moses to Martin Luther King, there have been repercussions for these actions, but at other times, there have managed to be victories for the dissenters. Our very founding fathers are such dissenters. They were political policy hackers, who used their education, research, trade ships, acts of piracy, wanton destruction and political speech to secede from a monarchy they perceived as unjust. Had these men failed, they would be in a position similar to Jeremy's, instead, they released a similar document, in the public interest, which is one of the most profound statements of dissent in the history of political speech. Jeremy too, is a dissenter, but a conscientious dissenter, like Moses, Isaiah, the prophets, Robin Hood, Susan B. Anthony and Rosa Parks.



I believe history will validate that this is a critical time in the history of this nation, where we play fast and furious with civil liberties but have no room to question things done in the name of national security. I believe that voices like Jeremy Hammond's are a clarion call for us to acknowledge our laws regarding the internet's intersection with civil liberties are deeply flawed. I believe that it is in the public interest to rule with leniency against Jeremy Hammond, for his sake, but also for the hallowed tradition of dissent which is so lacking in this country at this time. We may not always like our prophets or dissenters, your honor, but that does not make them wrong.

As a first generation American, I owe my life and liberty to this country, and I feel sincerely it would be a grave violation of the America I was taught to love to sentence Jeremy Hammond harshly. Therefore, I ask your leniency.

With all due respect,

Elias Silva

Dear Chief Judge Preska,

Please allow me to introduce myself; My name is Lawrence Softy, and I am an American citizen who currently resides in the Netherlands. I work here as the floor manager for the daily News and Background tv shows that are aired by the Dutch State Broadcasting Company. (Nederlandse Omroep Stichting, in Dutch, or N.O.S.)

The reason i'm taking the time to write you is due to my growing concern about a change in how non-violent and non-profit cyber security offenders are being prosecuted in the United States, especially in comparison to the rest of the civilized world. Sadly, somewhere over the last couple of years, our judicial system has started to handle these sorts of offenders as if they were organised crime members; With our prosecutors using every letter in the book to get more counts and ensure the longest possible sentence, and our judges, bound by law, therefor basing their ruling on every said letter in the book presented to them by the prosecution; resulting in sentencing that often seems more like an act of wrath instead of what it should be; a punishment; fitting the crime.

It's an honest tragedy these, often young, and intelligent people, like Jeremy Hammond, are becoming victims of a time in which our laws aren't able to keep up with our technology.

The human race has never in history witnessed a more radical change in the world than we have over the last 15 years, with the rise of terrorism, internet and smartphones. Our laws will eventually adapt to these new times in future, i'm sure, and these types of violations will then more likely be seen in comparison with trespassing, vandalism, breaking & entry etc. as they should be. That not being the case yet however, I feel compelled to implore you to please show mercy on Jeremy, perhaps granting him a sentence involving community service, which would serve him and our society best. I also implore you to please consider, while you deliberate your verdict, this quote by the great Thomas Jefferson:

"I am not an advocate for frequent changes in laws and constitutions, but laws and institutions must go hand in hand with the progress of the human mind. As that becomes more developed, more enlightened, as new discoveries are made, new truths discovered and manners and opinions change, with the change of circumstances, institutions must advance also to keep pace with the times. We might as well require a man to wear still the coat which fitted him when a boy as civilized society to remain ever under the regimen of their barbarous ancestors."

I hope this letter finds you in good health,  
with warm regards,

Lawrence softy

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Softy', written over a horizontal line.

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

10/13/2013

Dear Judge Preska:


I live in Chicago, IL, where I work on issues of peace, justice and reconciliation with a Quaker organization. I am aware that Jeremy Hammond has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. I believe he should be treated with compassion and am asking for leniency in his sentencing. Jeremy was not motivated by personal gain, but by a desire to make the world a better place.

Though I don't know Jeremy personally, I am very familiar with the positive role that he has played in many communities in Chicago. His music, his gifted computer skills, and his soft-spoken but far-reaching presence have been sorely missed by many for the past year and a half.

Jeremy has been incarcerated for 18 months now, kept in solitary confinement, and separated from family and friends. I think it is worth noting that Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland will not be prosecuted and in the United Kingdom, and that those who are already convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison. For an act of politically-motivated civil disobedience, Jeremy received no financial or personal gain, and has already served more time than all his co-defendants.

The Quaker tradition has a long history of participating nonviolent movements for social reform. All who engage in civil disobedience understand that there are risks and consequences associated with such actions. As Quakers, we also believe in the need for restoration and healing in resolving conflicts. Jeremy's guilty plea to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act has thus far been met with a punitive response. Jeremy is a principled and courageous soul, committed to the welfare of all. It is my sincere hope that you will be lenient in his sentencing today.

Sincerely,



Debra Southorn



From: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Spare Jeremy Hammond  
Date: October 14, 2013 9:34:10 [REDACTED]  
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October 14, 2013

Dear Judge Preska,

My name is [REDACTED]. I am young, (14 years old) but I know a fair amount about history, politics, and the United States Constitution, specifically the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment. I am aware that Hammond has violated the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, and that he has pled guilty, but please, for the sake of the United States, and for the freedoms of future US citizens have mercy on him.

Take into consideration the relatively recent case of Chelsea Manning. Manning has been sentenced life in prison for revealing war crimes committed by the United States. She was protected under the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment to do so. I understand that she was going to face some amount of time in prison for her actions, and that is understandable; but she is going to spend the rest of her life in prison for letting the American people know what a group of US military officials have done. It was incredibly brave of her to inform the American public of what was going on. She is a hero.

Another person being practically targeted by the United States Government is Edward Snowden. I'm sure that you're aware of how he released secret information about the NSA and XKeyscore. Everybody was shocked. Congressmen and women questioned the motivation and acquires of these programs, as did the American people. We were all shocked at the blunt violation of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> Amendments of the Constitution. He was forced to leave America and go to Russia where he was given asylum. An American organization called Anonymous was and frankly still is enraged with the Governments abuse of American's civil liberties. Every week they make a video revealing the corporations funding the campaigns of corrupt politicians, specifically ones who voted in favor of the NSA.

The US Government has been particularly ruthless lately when it comes to freedom of speech. When the people speak out, the government tries to repress. If you unfairly sentence Hammond, then in future the government will not hesitate to strictly punish anyone who questions their authority. This case may or may not be one of many unjustified cases to come, but the cases will build up, and the Government will feel an overwhelming and arrogant sense of authority, and a frightening sense of repression will fall over regular citizens like me.

Another situation that will emerge from adding Hammond to the list of American whistleblowers that were given unfair rulings and accusations, you are enraging the people. We are aware of our rights. We are not afraid to speak out when we see corruption and tyranny. If you give Hammond an unfair and extreme ruling, eventually organizations like Anonymous will rebel. They will rebel on behalf of the United States citizens, and they will definitely mention Snowden, Manning, and Hammond. When this happens, you will have no one but yourselves to blame. You will no longer be able to point fingers at whistleblowers and the media, because everybody else will be pointing at you.

Nothing but bad will result from the unlawful sentencing of Jeremy Hammond. I hope you take that into deep consideration during the trial.

Sincerely,  
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Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
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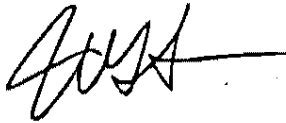
September 21, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I am writing to add my voice to this matter of great public interest, the case of Jeremy Hammond. I am a 50 year old business man, active community contributor and employer, I've most notably raised two fine children and am currently raising a third to whom we will hand this society, and thus very concerned with the aggressive suppression of sunlight on the deeds of the powerful. Support for that sunlight being essential to the rooting out of corruption, essential to the very health of the Union.

This case in your hands I urge an unmistakeable statement on the question of sunlight, of the essential role it plays in the control over abuse by those who are otherwise effectively above the law. I hope that the pressing need for accountability in the public interest is given weight in determining the appropriate punishment for Jeremy Hammond.

Thank you for your consideration.



Bill Stender



Honorable Loretta A. Preska

Chief Judge

Southern District of New York

500 Pearl Street

New York, NY 1007

Dear, Judge Preska

My name is Tyler Symons I am former United States Marine who is currently a student living in Monroe Louisiana . I am writing you today in regards to Jeremy Hammond, who has recently plead guilty to violation of the C.F.A.A , for a crime he had nothing to gain from except truth.

Although I have never had the pleasure of meeting Jeremy, I have met the people he has, and have seen first hand the lives he has touched. Jeremy has been inspiration and a voice of hope to many people from all parts of the globe. Everyone I know who has met Jeremy has noticed first hand his self-less attitude and enormous efforts to better our communities, as well as the world we live in .

The C.F.A.A is an outdated law that needs to be rectified in order to ensure the protection of individuals from invasion of privacy, as well as our constitutional rights from private surveillance corporations such as Stratfor.

In conclusion I wish only to convey that Jeremy Hammond is a person of great integrity and compassion who genuinely cares about others as well as the community. I ask that you please take into account all the lives he has touched and changed for the better when sentencing.

Sincerely,

Tyler Symons



Hon. Judge Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl St.  
New York, New York 10007

Brendon M. Thompson  


Dear Judge Preska,

I am writing this letter to express my deepest & loving request, for leniency in the sentencing of Jeremy Hammond. I write this, a full time college student, in Denver Colorado. Jeremy is greatly known for his giving personality, compassion. His resources went to benefit everyone around him. So much, that it's inspiring to us 1700 miles away.

Jeremy is a peaceful individual. Furthermore, he has been convicted for crimes of non violent civil disobedience. Please take into consideration, the leniency shown to co-defendants in Ireland and the U.K. Who's convictions were the same. All non violent. Myself and many here in Denver, feel that Jeremy deserves the same compassion

I hope this letter finds you well, and thank you for taking the time and energy to read it. Please Judge Preska, give leniency to the sentencing Jeremy Hammond. I trust that you'll make a just and compassionate discussion.

Sincerely,

  
Brendon Thompson

10-15-2013

10/4/2013

Dear Judge Preska

My name is Cody Thompson and I would ask a few moments of your time to Jeremy Hammond as well as the other highly intelligent young people who have committed computer related crimes.

Like Jeremy I work –and to an extent live- in the information technology industry. During my time in this industry I have seen first-hand the evolution of the IT phenomenon and the effect it has had on every aspect of our world and our day to day lives, I have also met a vast cross-section of the people who are drawn to technology and to the IT industry, young and very bright people who have an almost obsessive need to learn, to innovate and to create.

Though I do not know Jeremy as an individual I am certainly very familiar with the character type! I have shared a workplace and many professions with them for most of my life. Currently I own and operate 3 businesses of which I am the proprietor, they employ a small platoon of highly intelligent young professionals & experts just like Jeremy but more than that I have watched an entire generation of these people (alongside myself) progress through career and life.

It is because of this deep connection to the technology culture, industry and the people within both that I felt I must write you regarding this issue for Jeremy but also for all of the other highly intelligent young “computer geek” people whom you would be able to redirect rather than incarcerate in future were you armed with the understanding of these people as well as the alternative measures which can be used in order to keep the outstanding young minds of our country on the right track!

In order to do this you must be able to see the steps one takes towards either the good or malicious side of technology and never think that one can't switch sides, many of the once notorious malicious computer hackers are currently operating as some of the worlds most skilled security consultants and saved millions for tax payers and/or companies who they help protect!

The type of people who become malicious computer hackers almost exclusively do so for two main reasons; the first is they possess a keen intelligence with a mind constantly nagging for information and challenge. The second half of the equation comes when such a person has access to technology but is denied any opportunity to be able to use their skills and intellect in a way that provides structure, direction and fulfillment. If these opportunities are not present the individual has a high risk for perusing the intellectual challenge to no end because of the lack of “grounding” which those things would otherwise provide.

It is understood by all that the justice system exists to provide an ultimatum to those who would violate the laws of the country and for that reason you may feel that redirecting and using alternative measures on the people in these types of situations is inappropriate or perhaps that doing so would send a message of lenience which would not properly deter others from following in suit. However the type of people I write of have –as mentioned- a mind which will only be deterred by either their next intellectual challenge or the opportunity for a well-rounded life doing what they love!

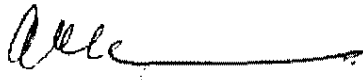
In summary I would like to thank you for your time and offer the participation of any of my businesses

to provide a career which will prove stimulating and fulfilling to any young computer expert who is in need of a redirecting should you feel that an alternative measures type of approach will yield the greatest benefit to the individual as well as to our society. I would happily ensure that any provisions or conditions of such a release would be met during work hours.

I understand that you have indirect familial connection Jeremy Hammond's specific case and given what I can only imagine to be a great deal of pressure from the contracting responsibilities of your professional and personal lives and the concern you must be feeling about how to most carefully such a situation I would still strongly urge you to consider this approach for Jeremy Hammond given that I would happily pledge the opening of a career position which will provide all that would be required for Jeremy to have a productive, fulfilling vocation and a relationship with our society which is mutually beneficial.

Best Regards

Cody Thompson



Managing Director

Quantum Technology Solutions Incorporated  
Quantum Holdings Inc.

Global E-Recycling LLC



[REDACTED]  
October 14, 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Preska:

I have never met Jeremy Hammond. His plight was brought to my attention by a mutual friend. I have two children who are in their Teens. I try to instill values in my children, that encourage free thinking, helping others, and doing what is right. These qualities may, at times, conflict with the views of normal society. I feel that these values are what is needed in today's world. All too often people look away and never do the right thing.

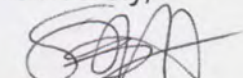
I am fully aware that he plead guilty to the charge of violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. My personal opinion is that the laws need some serious updating. These Hacktivist are not menaces to society. They are not career criminals. Jeremy did not gain personally or financially. He did it because it was the right thing to do. It's what any person with morals, and a conscience, would do. I was raised with the belief that if you see something wrong it is your moral obligation to stand up and do something about it.

I would like to address how Jeremy's co-defendants are being treated. These co-defendants, in Ireland and in the United Kingdom, were given treatment that is disparate. Those who are already convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison, and some have already been released

The disproportionate sentences associated with the CFAA, or that the protection the CFAA affords to corporations is greater than those it affords to individuals, who may be subjected to surveillance by private corporations such as Stratford. In case you are not aware, for more information on the CFAA, you can visit the site of the Electronic Frontier Foundation, (<https://www.eff.org/issues/cfaa>).

So, please, please I ask that you show leniency for Jeremy.

Sincerely,



Sonji Thurs



FROM:



TO:

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge, Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 9th, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I am a freelance videographer and moonlight as a podcaster covering cyber crime. My interest in cyber crime comes from the fact that I once plead guilty to a count of "unauthorized access to a protected computer" under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. I have since learned from my mistakes, paid my debt to society, and moved on with my life.

I'm not a hacker. Never was and never will be. However, after becoming a convicted "cyber criminal," I quickly became curious about the nature of these shadowy creatures I was being lumped in with. So over the past four years I have been following the different cases involving the CFAA which have made headlines. Jeremy Hammond's case is one that has stood out in particular.

Hammond's case initially caught my eye because of the media attention it received. I had never heard of Jeremy prior and mug shots of a kid in dreadlocks made him look like another "bad guy" who probably deserved what was coming to him. But after closer inspection, I discovered Jeremy is different. He isn't a black hat hacker. He's an ideologue. I watched old YouTube videos of Jeremy playing music and giving presentations at tech conferences. On those videos I saw a creative, talented, and idealistic young mind at work.

After talking with friends and supporters of Jeremy on my podcast over the past year, it has become obvious to me Jeremy is an activist who committed his crimes in the spirit of civil disobedience and not for any financial or personal gain. I believe this should be a major consideration in Jeremy's sentencing. Of course I don't believe Jeremy's motives should excuse his crimes. Facing the consequences comes with the territory when one indulges in civil disobedience.

After being in jail for almost a year and a half, some of which spent in solitary confinement, Jeremy is now looking at possibly a decade in prison. Even for someone with priors, ten years seems a little steep for a crime of this nature, especially considering Jeremy's co-conspirators overseas have received much lighter sentencing. I urge you to consider these factors when it comes time for Jeremy's sentencing. Jeremy did what he did because he wants to make a difference in the world.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Vincent Tocce



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Oct. 14, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I'm a prison volunteer of four years and a prison activist of one year. I do not personally know Jeremy Hammond, however, I am aware that he has plead guilty and confessed to have violated the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.

I ask you show compassion and leniency in sentencing. It is his first offense. He acted without financial motivation, in a spirit of civil disobedience. Our country has a history of respecting civil disobedience as a way to raise awareness and change the system.

His co-defendants in England received short sentences, less than 16 months. I respectfully ask you to show a similar compassion and leniency to this young activist.

I meet scores of men and women through my prison volunteering one to three times a week. Virtually all of them are imprisoned because of greed, poverty, violence and anti-social behavior.

Jeremy Hammond is an exception to the typical offender. I encourage you to honor Jeremy's motivation of civil disobedience in the tradition of our great country, founded on the ultimate civil disobedience, the revolution against the British. Please show leniency through a short or suspended sentence.

Sincerely,

  
Susan Tordella-Williams



## María de los Angeles Trigo

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

October 14, 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Preska:

I am writing to request leniency on behalf of Jeremy Hammond, when you sentence him for the plea he made on violating the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.

I do not know him personally; I follow the news and am very interested in issues that intersect law, computer use and government and corporate conduct. Although I work with corporate legal matters and public financing, I consider this a very important issue.

The interpretation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act affects all of us users of computers. The way young people like Jeremy, who grew up with computers, the internet, the promise of information for all, are treated under this act affects all of us whose work is done in computers. That is how we communicate with our clients, other counsel, prospective clients, regulatory agencies, the courts.

Please consider his age, and how his co-defendants will be treated. Please consider that he is facing 10 years when his co-defendants in countries as internet-savvy and computer oriented as the US will serve less than 16 months — that's the time Jeremy has already been jailed, in solitary confinement.

Please consider that he had no financial gain from what he did; his actions were not financially motivated, but an act of civil disobedience. The knowledge we have gained as to what corporate entities will do to protect their interests is in the public interest and vital in these times of widespread surveillance.

Please consider the implications of the application of the CFAA and how it affects individuals, human beings that are subject to surveillance and less protections than corporate entities.

Respectfully,



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY. 10007

10/08/2013

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Lauren Ursus and I am writing you this letter to plead for leniency in the sentencing of Jeremy Hammond. Although I am not personally acquainted with Jeremy, I am friends with a few members of the community that Jeremy is from. When my friends speak of him, they recount a compassionate man who aimed to serve the community- from helping cook in soup kitchens to fixing up bicycles for the underprivileged.

The reason that I am interested in Jeremy's case is because of the disproportionate treatment between Jeremy and his co-defendants in Ireland who area already convicted and will be incarcerated for no more than sixteen months. Jeremy had already been held- without sentencing- for much longer than that time already.

Judge Preska, please sentence Jeremy Hammond to time served. The two years Jeremy has spent locked away is already a long time to be deprived friends, family, and a community in need. If you sentence Jeremy not only will you punish a man who engaged in nonviolent, politically-motivated acts of civil disobedience, but you will by extent punish a community of a compassionate person whose services are greatly needed. Please find it in your heart to forgive Jeremy and be lenient in his sentencing.

Best regards,

Lauren Marie Ursus

[REDACTED]

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lauren Ursus', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alice Via  
407 June Drive  
Cave Junction OR 97523

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 12, 2013

Dear Judge Preska,

I am now retired and do not personally know Jeremy Hammone but have been following his case and I am aware that he has pled guilty to the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. I am hoping your sentencing will be one of kindness. I would prefer freedom for him now but know that is an impossible hope in today's political climate. I then hope for an equal sentence to that of his co-defendants, some of whom have already been released.

I am aware it is more likely that he will be given a greater sentence as an individual than he would be given as a corporation. I find this abhorrent and unjust.

I am asking for you to be just in your decision.

Thank you,



Alice Via

October 10, 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

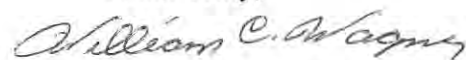
Dear Judge Preska,

My name is William Wagner; I am from Cleo Springs Oklahoma. I manage a salt water disposal for a leading oil and gas producer in Northwestern Oklahoma. I am contacting you in regards to the case of Jeremy Hammond and his upcoming sentencing. It is my understanding that Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act and faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in a federal prison.

I honestly feel that giving Jeremy the maximum sentence in this case would be unfair considering the much lighter sentencing of his co-defendants'. I also believe that Jeremy has much to offer to the community and that both would be better served by some form of community correctional program. As a taxpayer, I also feel that my tax dollars are better spent by incarcerating more violent criminals.

I respectfully request, Judge Preska, that you consider leniency in this case. Thank you for your time and consideration that you give to my plea.

Yours Truly,



William C. Wagner



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 14, 2013

Dear Honorable Judge Preska,

My name is Justin Warren. I am a carpenter and resident of New Orleans. It is my understanding that the sentencing for Jeremy Hammond is about to occur, and that he is facing up to ten years. I am writing today to ask for leniency and to request a sentence of time served.

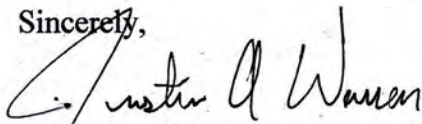
Certain aspects of this government seem to have come completely detached from the interests of the common man. I have witnessed untold atrocities perpetrated on peaceful activists who are guilty of nothing more than trying to make the world a better place. I have seen many of our rights violated and seemingly eliminated altogether. What rights remain are constantly under attack.

The whistleblowers who are uncovering these crimes are being rewarded for their courage with the loss of their freedoms, while the criminals continue to run the show.

I won't bother you with all the things I've learned over the last couple of years, but suffice it to say there are deep systematic problems with our government as it currently exists, and the number of people aware of this is growing exponentially. What I fear most is it will come to a head in a rally bad way if our elected officials don't start listening to the majority of the people instead of the majority of the money.

It is within your power to turn things in a new direction, to give a good number of people hope that all is not lost within our government, the people of this nation have their backs against the wall, and things are looking grim indeed.

Sincerely,



Justin Warren



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 8, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I am a long time resident of Kansas City, Missouri. A poet, novelist and philosopher, I have written more than a dozen works of literature and nonfiction. I helped my wife start her own business and helped raise three daughters to successful, productive adulthood. We have seven grandchildren, the oldest of which is 24, a recent graduate of the University of Missouri and happily employed. Author of the forthcoming *Sinister Dynamic: Global Governance and the Reconstruction of Nature*, I researched that nonfiction book for three years, in the course of which I became acquainted with the case of Jeremy Hammond, largely through studying video and transcripts of interviews on Amy Goodman's *Democracy Now* and *Law & Disorder Radio*, hosted by attorneys Michael Smith, Heidi Boghosian and Michael Ratner.

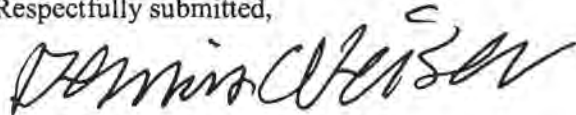
Like Barrett Brown and the late Aaron Swartz, Jeremy Hammond has done nothing illegal whatsoever, nothing wrong at all. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. This is part of a pattern of prosecutorial overreach and outright persecution, that extends to a 24/7 war economy, the NDAA and US of A's deliberate destruction of Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, Somalia, Egypt, NSA global and domestic spying—all supposedly justified by a trumped-up war on terror and allegations of national security violations since 9/11. This is the same pattern of entrapment that has wrongfully imprisoned Corporal Bradley Manning, and which is hoping to ensnare Julian Assange and Edward Snowden. The same element of corrupt power that murdered Judi Bari, Michael Hastings and many others is behind the stratagem.

The national security state is persecuting Jeremy Hammond because he exposed a small part of their criminal activities. Hammond had nothing to gain from his selfless act, which was motivated exclusively by an appropriately outraged sense of justice. Hammond did not profit in any way from his actions.

I beg you to extend the utmost in leniency to defendant, Jeremy Hammond.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Weiser  
B.A. Liberal Arts, Westminster College, M.A. Philosophy, University of Kansas

[REDACTED]

**From:** Zoe Welch [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** **Jeremy Hammond**  
**Date:** October 9, 2013 1:58:51 PM EDT  
**To:** [REDACTED]

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Dear Judge Preska,

My name is Zoe Welch, I am currently a student at Malcolm X City College in Chicago and work at pizza shop that serves to the students of UIC. I've never met Jeremy Hammond, but I'm interested in his case to due to my interest in proper justice, the community, and politics.

I'm asking for leniency in Jeremy's sentencing, because I believe Jeremy is a positive in our community. I've only heard good about Jeremy, how's he's a very intelligent and uplifting, and that after he has left this community it's been overcast. It would be a shame if such a personality was lost in too many years spent in prison. I would appreciate it if you kept in mind how Jeremy's motive was for any personal or financial gain, also how his co-defendant's worse punishment was 16 months in prisons. I do realize that different countries have different laws, but they did do the same crime that didn't harm anyone. Please consider being leniency about sentencing Jeremy, he was politically motivated, and we need him back in our community.

Sincerely,

Zoe Welch

Tracy Whitmire

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Honorable Loretta A. Preska

Chief Judge

Southern District of New York

500 Pearl Street

New York, NY 10007

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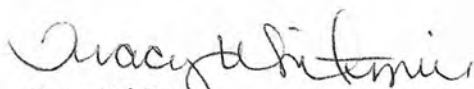
Dear Judge Preska,

My name is Tracy and I live in Michigan. I have followed Jeremy Hammond's case and know he has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA). I sincerely hope that as a fellow human being, you too believe he should be treated with compassion. I ask only that.

What Jeremy did was show his true character as someone not afraid to stand up to what he felt is wrong. He acted on his conscience. This is what I teach my children every day, to stand up for what you believe in. That is all he did, in my opinion. There was no malice. He had no financial gain from his actions, which he undertook as politically-motivated acts of civil disobedience. There was no violence involved in his crime. So many others commit heinous acts and are treated less harshly.

I hope you will see his humanity and release him with time served.

Sincerely,

  
Tracy Whitmire

Sherry Woodbeck



10/15/2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Preska,

I am writing to you today to ask for your consideration of leniency to Jeremy Hammond. After being in jail for almost a year and a half, some of which spent in solitary confinement, Jeremy is now looking at possibly a decade in prison. Even for someone with priors, ten years seems, to me, a little steep for an action of this nature, especially considering Jeremy's co-conspirators overseas have received much lighter, if any sentencing.

Jeremy did what he did because he wants to make a difference in the world. He does and it did. I am just a mom that is very concerned with this trend of overcharging hackers in the United States. Please be the one brave enough to stop this madness and ask that the Court sentence Jeremy Hammond to the time he has already served

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sherry Woodbeck".





October 10, 2013

Dear Judge Preska,

My name is Chris Young. I study Political Science at Temple University and have been involved with activism for a number of years. I write to you today to respectfully urge you to grant Jeremy Hammond leniency. I understand that he has plead guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act and his sentencing is quickly approaching. While I do not know Mr. Hammond personally, I have been following the case for some time now. While Mr. Hammond's actions resulted in his breaking the law, it is important to put said actions into context. Mr. Hammond never acted with malicious intent. His actions were directed by conscious. Regardless of how one may feel about his particular actions that should be considered, also.

Mr. Hammond acted out of a belief that those in power should be held accountable for their actions in the name of democracy. Democracy is not an abstract concept, but is the cornerstone of our society. Over the years we have witnessed law enforcement spying on peaceful activists, while those in power largely operate from the shadows out of the public light. These are troublesome times and it would be a grave injustice to see someone like Jeremy Hammond used as an example when we need more people like him.

Freedom and democracy are not values we should simply pay lip service to, but are what we all grew up believing in. I have witnessed police exceed their legal authority to curtail the rights of American citizens who peacefully protest on many occasions, unfortunately. We must ask ourselves what type of society we are becoming when law enforcement can violate the rights of ordinary citizens with impunity and those who act on their rights to correct a perceived injustice are severely punished. We must also question a country that claims to believe in democracy, when people feel they have no other way to fight injustice then by operating outside the "acceptable" framework of political action.

There is also the question of what role the FBI played in these actions. While Mr. Hammond clearly acted on his ideals of transparency and democracy, it is also worrisome that the FBI may have been using an informant to manipulate these actions for their own ends and investigations.

We find ourselves at an important moment in time, where questions of freedom and democracy online and in the real world are continuously being raised and protected vigorously by our most conscientious members of society. My hope is that leniency will be granted to Jeremy Hammond and the courts will not be used to make an example out of someone who acted on not only his ideals, but many of the highest ideals that are built into the fabric of American life.



Chris Young

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**-against-**

**Case No. 12 Cr. 185 (LAP)**

**JEREMY HAMMOND,**

**Defendant.**

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**EXHIBIT A LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM INTERNATIONAL SUPPORTERS**



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To Whom it May Concern:

I have been a computer and internet security professional for more than twenty years with companies like IBM, and I am writing in support of leniency for Jeremy Hammond. He is a brilliant young man with an admirable, altruistic disposition. The state has already failed him or he wouldn't be in this predicament. Please don't continue to fail him. He has a lot to offer, and our society needs people like him. The American surveillance state is well out of control, and only acts of civil disobedience are proving any efficacy in combating its continued encroachment at this point. The unconstitutional and statutorily illegal acts now regularly perpetrated against the American people by agents such as the NSA, and its corporate factotums, must be stopped if the United State's creeds are to retain any more than nominal truth. Please act today to help We the People right the listing ship of state by displaying recognition of our perilous position in providing restrained sentencing for Mr. Hammond.

I provide a prescient, supporting quote by Senator Frank Church, speaking about the NSA's domestic surveillance apparatus in 1975, for your consideration. Note that we are well past 1984 now, and, as Senator Church passionately and eloquently indicated, at some point it will be too late. Mr. Hammond broke statute, but he did it for the right reasons, as history will surely prove. It was a young man's mistake, but he is one of the good guys in this fight, all the same. Please be one of the good guys as well.

"That capability at any time could be turned around on the American people and no American would have any privacy left, such [is] the capability to monitor everything: telephone conversations, telegrams, it doesn't matter. There would be no place to hide. If this government ever became a tyranny, if a dictator ever took charge in this country, the technological capacity that the intelligence community has given the government could enable it to impose total tyranny, and there would be no way to fight back, because the most careful effort to combine together in resistance to the government, no matter how privately it was done, is within the reach of the government to know. Such is the capability of this technology. ... I don't want to see this country ever go across the bridge. I know the capacity that is there to make tyranny total in America, and we must see to it that this agency and all agencies that possess this technology operate within the law and under proper supervision, so that we never cross over that abyss. That is the abyss from which there is no return."

Sincerely,

Kyle Amon

October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
Berlin, Germany

Dear Honorable Chief Judge Loretta A. Preska,

I am an information activist and concerned citizen living in Germany, and I am redacting these lines to you as the presiding Judge, via Jeremy Hammond's legal counsel, with the humble intention of requesting leniency while you consider his sentence.

I believe we are living in a pivotal time where our laws such as the CFAA, are antiquated and have been recently conducive to judicial over-reach, such as in the case of Aaron Swartz and others, and how these laws do not effectively reflect or protect under the prevailing conditions of the Information Age and in extension, do not include provisions for digital forms of non-violent dissent and how these cases should be ruled upon.

Jeremy Hammond's motivations and actions were inspired at a time of widespread manifestations of civil unrest in 2011, with the Arab Spring protests, the Occupy Wall Street movement, the Anonymous/LulzSec campaigns, to name but a few, during which were conducted in a popular attempt to attain political agency as well in an attempt to expose malfeasance and illegal dealings of corporations which were illicitly targeting activists for their political activity.

Jeremy Hammond's actions can be interpreted as a form of modern-day digital sit-in: a form of non-violent civil disobedience in a time of pervasive and arguably illegal surveillance.

I consider his motivations and actions very similar to those of classic whistleblowers or leakers; he wanted to bring the abuses and covert operations to light into the public domain, in the hopes of effectuating reform or change. Leaking, by means of hacking or hacktivism, is also a bona fide form of civil disobedience. He revealed this information to the public while incurring great personal risk to himself and without any motivation for personal gain financial or otherwise. Those are two characteristics that define a whistle-blower by excellence. We need to let the public decide what belongs in the public domain. I think the one of the merits of the Stratfor Files leak has been that it has shown us that corporations enjoy greater protections than those afforded to the very citizens that are being spied upon by corporations that are engaged in warrant-less monitoring.

His case has come to prominence at a time during which the Obama Administration has waged an unparalleled War against the Whistle-blowers, against member of the Press as well as against 1<sup>st</sup> 4 and 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment freedoms. The world community has witnessed the "chilling-effect" after the draconian sentence received by Chelsea Manning after having leaked information that revealed war crimes.

We have the most recent cases of Edward Snowden, Julian Assange, and in the testimonies of former CIA analyst Ray McGovern, former FBI agent Coleen Rowley, former National Security Agency senior NSA executive Thomas Drake, J Kirk Wiebe, Bill Binney and former U.S. Justice Department ethics adviser Jesselyn Radack, all of which are strenuously bearing witness and speaking truth to power on the subject of draconian surveillance that is currently utterly lacking of democratic oversight.

That is yet another example why the Stratfor leak as revealed by Jeremy Hammond, is of all the more importance for the public discourse that is now taking place globally on the subject of security versus liberty debate.

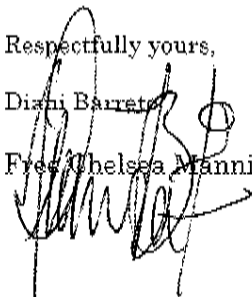
Jeremy Hammond has already pled guilty to violating the CFAA or Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. He has suffered being held incommunicado, in a state of solitary confinement, which according to the UN Rapporteur on Torture, is circumstantially tantamount to torture and should be banned internationally. I believe he has suffered cruel and unusual punishment during his detention. He needs to be rehabilitated to society for the public service rendered.

I am asking you wholeheartedly to consider leniency or commutation while contemplating his sentence. It is time to restore the Rule of Law after these great inversions of Justice. The world is watching, and our credibility as a nation stands at risk. Your ruling could make a difference.

Respectfully yours,

Diana Barreto

Free Chelsea Manning.Net



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
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Dear Judge Preska,

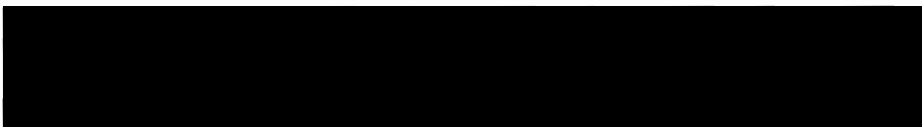
My name is Inga and I am writing to you from Germany. Over the past year I have been following the headlines about the different cases involving the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. Jeremy Hammond's case initially got me interested because of all the media attention it received. I had never heard of Jeremy but after reading up on him and his case I realized he isn't just some black hat hacker. He's an idealist.

I am writing to express my hope that you will show leniency in sentencing him. I am aware that he has pled guilty to a violation of the CFAA, but I truly believe that he was acting on his conscience in an attempt to make the world better for everyone. When you sentence him, please consider that what he did was a nonviolent act of civil disobedience and not a crime committed for financial or personal gain. While his honorable motives certainly don't excuse his crime, I truly believe he should be released with time served.

Jeremy is a very smart and caring young man and I am sure that given the opportunity he will do great things with his life and it would be heartbreaking to see him get more time than many violent criminals who act with malicious intent. Jeremy has been in prison for nearly a year and a half (part of that time in solitary confinement) and is now facing possibly a decade more. Considering that his co-conspirators overseas have received much lighter sentencing, I urge you, please, don't make Jeremy lose a decade of his life. He did what he did because he wants to make a difference for the better in the world.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Inga



**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR JEREMY HAMMOND**

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Saturday October 5th, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Kenneth Bradley. I'm a disabled citizen of Canada. I'm active in my community helping other disabled people. I support Jeremy Hammond because his actions revealed criminal activity by a number of people and corporations. I'm aware that Jeremy has plead guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act and I ask for your leniency against him in light of the fact that though illegal, his actions may well have prevented further criminal activity and abuse.

Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland and the United Kingdom were given far less severe sentences than the maximum of 10 years that Jeremy faces for violating the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.

Jeremy's actions were politically-motivated and he did not cause harm to any individuals, nor did he receive any financial gain from his violation.

Sincerely,

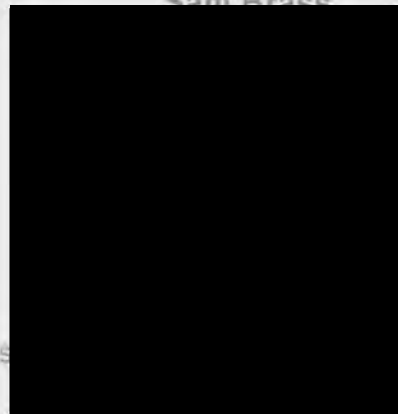


Kenneth Bradley





Sam Brass



**Honorable Loretta A. Preska**

Chief Judge

Southern District of New York

500 Pearl Street

New York, NY 10007

**Re: Case of Jeremy Hammond.**

Dear Judge Preska:

Allow me first to introduce myself, I am Sam Brass, 20 year old care support worker to elderly and ex-student biomedical scientist. I am writing in regards to the case of Jeremy Hammond although I personally have not met the individual I support his case.

Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland and in the United Kingdom were given treatment that is disparate, those who are already convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison, and some have already been released

The disproportionate sentences associated with the CFAA, or that the protection the CFAA affords to corporations is greater than those it affords to individuals, who may be subjected to surveillance by private corporations such as 'Stratfor'. (For more information on the CFAA, please visit the website of the Electronic Frontier Foundation, <https://www.eff.org/issues/cfaa>)

I know he had no financial gain from his actions, which he undertook as politically-motivated acts of civil disobedience. Which although can be seen in the eyes of many as an offence, to me it only shows an individual's independent inquisitive behavior. I am sure many people who read up on his successes will see in some aspect that what he did may have been wrong but he does deserve a bit of leniency.

Many people know Mr. Hammond as the creator of a website known as "HackThisSite" and through this, many corporate companies may have IT security fellows working for them who started off learning from this site. Jeremy Hammond has had a larger positive input to the curriculum. Even during his working career in the Chicago-based 'Rome and Company', his boss stated he was "friendly, courteous and polite".

Any malicious "hacker" wouldn't seem so positive in the eyes of the community like Jeremy is, psychologically speaking they are withdrawn and anti-social activists that follow a destructive path. I ask that you take a calm approach and also take into consideration all the good he has also put into the community and what good he can still do. Yes, he may need to be made an example of, but a lot of people look up to this man.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sam Brass', written in a cursive style.

Sam Brass.

From: Candide Schmyles <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: **Jeremy Hammond support letter.**  
Date: October 13, 2013 12:16:32 PM [REDACTED]  
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Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

[REDACTED]  
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13th October 2013

Dear Judge Preska,

I write to you in support of Jeremy Hammond. As I am not a citizen of the US I write not from the perspective of US law but from that of our common shared humanity. I am a simple manual worker with no power or influence. But I do have a sense of justice, of what true courage is and of the importance of standing up to be counted so those that are least worthy of power be prevented from using it unjustly. In this case the prosecution case is an unjust power seeking to persecute someone who had the courage to use his talents to expose secrets that needed exposure to public scrutiny.

As culpability has been accepted mitigation is the only pertinent issue. What Jeremy did was not a crime for gain nor one that has hurt anyone. All he really did was expose flaws in a system and embarrass an institution with far darker secrets in its closet. Jeremy has already been in jail for as long as the maximum sentence imposed on any of his co-defendants in other countries. I ask that you do not punish your own more severely than the others who shared his crime.

The US already has more than its fair share of youth behind bars. I understand that Government ties the hands of its Judiciary ever more tightly. Thus I appeal to you to stand up not only equal treatment for Jeremy but for the independence of the justice system. Please sentence Jeremy to no more than time served and release him.

Yours faithfully

Mr David S Carlson

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Angel Gallegos [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 07, 2013 9:28 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** support

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Juez Presidente  
Distrito Sur de Nueva York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007  
FECHA:07 Octubre 2013

Estimado Juez Preska:

El que suscribe Juan Rodriguez Castro de 56 años de edad y con domicilio en Cartagena Murcia ,España

Expone:

Que no estoy familiarizado personalmente con Jeremy Hammond , que conozco los echos a traves de los medios de comunicación existentes, y que entendiendo que la persona mencionada solo pudo cometer falta de revelar información , es en mi humide opinion persona que se expuso en bien de la verdad, entendiendo que no puede ni vivir ni sobrevivir la justicia donde no existe reina la verdad.

Suplica:

A su Señoria sea justa en honor a la verdad

Juan Rodríguez Castro

Honorable Loretta A. Preska

Juez Presidente

Distrito Sur de Nueva York

500 Pearl Street

New York, NY 10007

FECHA:07 Octubre 2013 **[DATE:07 October 2013]**

Estimado Juez Preska: **[Dear Judge Preska:]**

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**[The undersigned Juan Rodriguez Castro, 56 years old and residing in Cartagena, Murcia, Spain]**

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**[Exhibits:**

**I'm not personally familiar with Jeremy Hammond, I know the echoes through the existing media, and understanding that the person referred to only committed a disclosure of information, it is in my humble opinion this was exposed for the sake of truth, understanding that justice can not live or survive where it does not reign true.]**

Suplica:

A su Señoria sea justa en honor a la verdad  
Juan Rodriguez Castro

**[Beg:**

**In Your Honor is fair in all honesty**

**Juan Rodriguez Castro]**

From: Adam Cowles [REDACTED]  
Subject: **JEREMY HAMMOND**  
Date: October 7, 2013 5:42:55 PM EDT  
To: [REDACTED]

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FAO:  
Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

DATE: 03 October 2013

Dear Judge Preska

I am writing to you today to express my personal shock at the level of sentencing proposed for the crimes of Jeremy Hammond.

I do not and have never had a relationship with this young man, and until recently had never heard of him. However, I was recently made aware of his situation after reading an article which outlined his crimes and mentioned the severity with which it is being tried, in comparison to the British co-defendants and crimes of a similar nature which were not and would never be treated so severely in my country.

I am a marketing manager and small business man from the United Kingdom. I am not a legal professional, and know nothing of hacking.

However it just strikes me that for crimes that involved zero personal gain, nor caused any physical or emotional harm to another human being, should not be punishable by 9-10 years in prison.

Where I can not completely condone Mr Hammond's actions, and would expect that a sentence has to be passed of some description, a severe prison sentence does neither seem fair or appropriate.

Also, having read a little about Mr Hammond's background I see that he felt his actions were politically motivated and that he was simply exercising his belief at the time, that he was trying to better the world we all live in, similarly to the times he has spent protesting against Neo-nazis in civil disobedience. I am quite certain that no-one could expect that his actions would have led to a punishment so severe, and the fact that it has, seriously gives cause for concern regarding your country and it's legal system, and the disproportionate level of punishment when compared to what the average person would deem as far more serious crimes.

I myself recently attended the sentencing hearing of a former school teacher who sexually abused me as a child, and was pleasantly surprised that he was sentenced to 3 years in prison. I also recently attended a hearing for a man who raped his own daughter, yet only received 15 months due to mitigating circumstance of remorse. So for a talented and politically motivated individual to receive any more than this is absolutely perplexing.

Also having done a little more research, I see that the target of Mr Hammond's actions has ties to the US Government. This perhaps explains the highly radical sentencing with which Mr Hammond faces, and if not, this is how it will be viewed by the public. I expect that a severe sentence will both anger the populations and create yet further animosity and actions with sympathetic civilians and extremist activism, not only in the United States but across the globe.

Although it may not be relevant, I thought it might be worth mentioning the point that Strator is supposed to be highly secure and such a hack should not have been possible. Mr Hammond's crime seems to have exposed an important security flaw and also the ineptitude of the organisation. Also, what damage to the world has actually been caused as a result of the leaks? Couldn't this be viewed as some sort of service? What if next time the information obtained and leaked was more serious in terms of content? Surely, now the policies of securing sensitive data can be reviewed and improved as a result.

I would also like to ask you if you are aware of the recent computer virus that was created with the sole purpose of targeting Iranian nuclear facilities and intended to cause damage to equipment that successfully put the Iranian's nuclear programme back 2 years? It's never been proved as far as I'm aware, but it is quite clear that the virus was not created by individuals like Mr Hammond, and equally clear which entities would be both capable and motivated to do so. What kind of example is this setting?

Maybe it is necessary for laws to be passed to act as a deterrent for cyber criminals. But where the crimes are intended as an act of protest rather than for harm or personal gain, such sentences surely can not exceed that of the average murderer, rapist or child molester.

I implore you, please do not set a precedent by sentencing Jeremy Hammond so severely, that would allow future misguided acts of simple civil disobedience to be equally punishable. Such action simply spurs such a community to yet further misguided acts against a system they cannot believe in. I have always thought that our tolerance has always been a beautiful asset to our way of life, and anything less is one step towards a legal system with an eye for an eye, or a hand for a theft mentality, such as in the backward regimes we often go to war with.

Please pass as lenient a sentence as possibly allowed by the law, and show us all what a great country the United States really is.

Yours sincerely,  
Adam Cowles  
Portsmouth, UK

Honorable Loretta a. Preska.

Chief Judge

Southern New York District

500 Pearl Street

New York, NY 10007

12/10/2013

Dear judge Preska:

My name is María Dolores, I live in Valencia Spain. I have been over 16 years working and studying at the same time, since I come from a family of scarce resources. I've studied administrative, gardening and installer of photovoltaic and wind systems.

Unfortunately, my country is suffering a severe economic crisis and I am unemployed. I met Jeremy case by chance, not I have dealt personally with him or anyone who is associated with the, but then if I get to the heart. I don't belong to any group or party political, only I'm a person who wants a dignified life, with respect and peace for all people of this world, like the majority of people and as I would like Jeremy.

Jeremy is a good person and was sincere and honest. Neither has had any financial benefit from their actions.

Jeremy is a good person and very intelligent. His intelligence and his good heart could be doing service to the community, such as: teaching to read and to write to poor people. Make company to elderly people who are alone, get them to walk, read a book, make the purchase, talk to them and listen to them.

It has been more than one year locked up and isolated, without any contact with his family and that it is very hard. It's like being twenty years imprisoned.

I call compassion and leniency for Jeremy. I think that good people have to help them, not to condemn them.

Thank you for your attention and greetings.

María Dolores García



**From:** Francisco George [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** letter to the judge asking for leniency for Jeremy Hammond  
**Date:** October 11, 2013 4:05:09 [REDACTED]  
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Dear Hon. Judge Preska:

I am a member of the board of the Spanish Pirate Party(officially registered) who is concerned about Jeremy Hammond's sentencing. Harsh punishments under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act may steer people away from computer research and innovation, which is central to our new world.

Although not hailing from your constituency, I feel I have to reach out anyway. I live in the new world. Where we support good and reveal evil. Not waiting for NYT to get to it. Jeremy Hammond did his civil duty to expose bad things. To thousands of us he is a hero. Make his stay short! Please?

Jeremy has already spent over a year in prison. Consider also that Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland will not be prosecuted and that in the United Kingdom, those who are already convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison.

I am asking you to be lenient in his sentencing.

Sincerely,

Francisco George  
Press Officer to PIRATA España

Julia Gollan



Chief Judge Loretta Preska  
United States District Court  
Southern District of NEW YORK

Dear Judge Preska

My name is Julia Gollan. I'm an Electronic Resources Librarian in Newcastle, Australia. Free and open access to information is my bread and butter. Browsing this information privately is the expectation of my clients - both Mr Hammond and Edward Snowden have revealed that this expectation is not matched by the United States government's expectations.

I write to ask that Jeremy Hammond be treated with leniency, compassion and empathy whilst engaged in your legal system. I feel, that by exposing the corporate espionage being undertaken by Stratfor, that Mr Hammond actually committed a service to your country. I recognise that in doing so however, he broke laws. Mr Hammond has already served more than a year in prison whilst awaiting trial – his co-accused in the UK faced sentences of less than two years .

I understand that the Unites States government has been embarrassed by repeated cable releases, co-ordinated by WikiLeaks, and that WikiLeaks was involved in releasing information provided by Mr Hammond. I feel that the length of Mr Hammond's suggested sentence is part of a pattern of intimidation of whistle blowers by the United States government and urge not to conform to this pattern.

I am not an American citizen so I find it baffling that a nation that holds the virtue of freedom so close to its collective heart can conduct itself in a manner which seems to deliberately intimidate individuals who expose infringements upon the freedom of their fellow citizens.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julia Gollan".

Julia Gollan

14 September 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Preska

I, Judi Gomez, 62 years old from Australia, retired from the workforce now. During my working life I observed injustices that affected young workers who did not know how to defend themselves from ruthless bosses, these observations guided me into becoming an activist and it is through this role that I became interested in Mr Jeremy Hammond's case.

I am aware that Mr Hammond has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. Mr Hammond is very young and his beliefs for right and justice are very strong, I feel and believe he deserves to be treated with compassion.

I observed that the CFAA's disproportionately harsh penalty scheme do not fit the crime, computer hacking can be delineated as juvenile vandalism.

Mr Hammond's co-defendants in Ireland will not be prosecuted -and in the United Kingdom, those who are already convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison.

The disproportionate sentences associated with the CFAA, or that the protection the CFAA affords to corporations is greater than those it affords to individuals, who may be subjected to surveillance by private corporations such as Stratfor.

Financial gain was not a drive for Mr Hammond's actions which he undertook as politically-motivated acts of civil disobedience.

I would like to request your compassion and consideration with Mr Jeremy Hammond's case please.

Yours Sincerely

Ms Judi Gomez

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12 de octubre del 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska

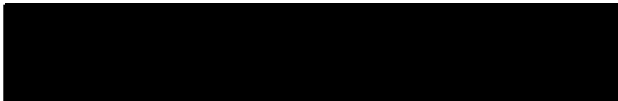
Southern District of New York

Dear Judge Preska:

Mi nombre es Barbara Gonzalez vivo en Buenos Aires , Argentina. Soy estudiante de ciencias veterinarias en la Universidad de Buenos aires. Me interesó particularmente el caso de Jeremy porque en mi país se vive en un estado de confusión permanente , la libertad de prensa esta siendo violada muy gravemente, y nuestro gobierno promueve que esto suceda . Conozco y soy conciente de la gravedad de los delitos de los cuáles es acusado Jeremy Hammond . Pero creo fervientemente que se necesita más gente como Jeremy con sus conocimientos y con su voluntad para poder ayudar a muchos como nosotros que somos presos de nuestros gobiernos , que sentimos que permanentemente se nos oculta la verdad. Internet puede ser usado para hacer mucho bien y creo que jeremy sabe eso, si bien es un delito lo que él hizo las leyes tienen que ser aplicadas como corresponden y en este caso es excesivo el castigo al cual fue sometido. Las leyes deben aggiornarse a los tiempos de hoy, no puede ser juzgado con leyes que se redactaron antes de la existencia del medio por el cual el cometió el delito.

Cometio un error ,cumplió con más de la sentencia habitual en estos casos , debe ser perdonado y devuelto a su familia.  
Desde ya muchas gracias.

Atte Barbara González



October 12, 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska

Southern District of New York

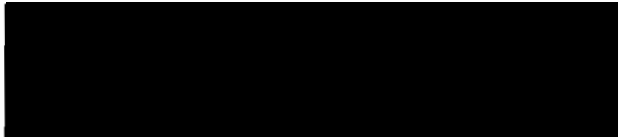
Dear Judge Preska :

My name is Barbara Gonzalez. I live in Buenos Aires, Argentina. I am a student of veterinary science at the University of Buenos Aires. I was particularly interested Jeremy's case because in my country they live in a state of permanent confusion, press freedom is being violated very seriously, and our government promotes this. I know and am aware of the seriousness of the crimes of which Jeremy Hammond is accused. But I fervently believe that we need more people like Jeremy with his knowledge and his willingness to help many like us who are prisoners of our governments, because we feel that truth is permanently hidden from us. The Internet can be used to do much good and I think Jeremy knows that, while what he did is a crime the laws have to be applied equally and in this case he was subjected to excessive punishment. Laws should agonize to be restrained today, and we can not be judged by laws that were written before the existence of the means by which the crime was committed.

Make a mistake, make a statement over the usual in these cases, Jeremy should be forgiven and to his family he should be returned.

From already thank you very much .

Atte Barbara Gonzalez



Translated by attorney Jay Leiderman

12 October 2013

Dear Judge Preska,

My purpose in writing is to ask that you take the most lenient approach possible in the case against Jeremy Hammond.

Although he has admitted leaking confidential Stratfor information to Wikileaks, he has done it in an attempt to fight against government surveillance and protect the individual's right to privacy. He has serviced the public by supplying Wikileaks with correspondence between Stratfor and the Government that human rights activists are being spied on by Stratfor for the Government. Surely this is information that the public have a right to know about. Not only this, but he is being prosecuted under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act which is inappropriate given that it was written before the Internet was created. It is very unfair that an outdated law like this can be used to issue defendants with harsh sentences, disproportionate to their alleged crimes.

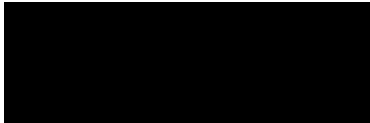
Clearly Jeremy Hammond is a conscientious person with exceptional integrity and altruistic intentions, being persecuted for his activism. It seems fundamentally wrong to me that a person such as this, should be facing a possible 10 year prison sentence, rather than celebrated as a hero by the society he selflessly strives to improve.

I am a New Zealand citizen and hope my letter will count, as government surveillance at the expense of the individual's right to privacy is a serious and disturbing trend that goes well beyond the borders of the United States. Without people such as Jeremy Hammond, we can expect this trend to continue, and eventually become the norm.

Yours sincerely,  
Lana Hall



Motomu Hatanaka



October 8th, 2013

Dear Judge Preska,

I am not an American citizen, and I am a Japanese, 64 year-old retired high school teacher. Through my American friends' letters and Rolling Stone article, I learned that Mr. Jeremy Hammond is an idealist and has a sense of balance and justice, but he has been jailed for a long time as a whistleblower. After reading Rolling Stone article, I tried to get a lot of facts that he had done. I do believe what Mr. Hammond did is for justice as an ideal, patriotic, young American citizen.

I want people to see the truth, because without information, we can not make informed decision as a public. We have to understand the difference between right and wrong. I believe that we are going to live our lives in this world where there are conscience, justice, humanitarianism and we have responsibility to make this world better one for our future generation.

As an individual who has been seeking for truth and justice, I believe it reasonable for a judge to recognize his heroic deed and I ask for leniency for Mr. Hammond.

Thank you for taking time to read my letter to you.

Motomu Hatanaka

Motomu Hatanaka  
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OCTOBER 11 2013

DEAR JUDGE PRESKA:

MY NAME IS VINCENT HAMERTON, I WORK AS A SUPERVISOR FOR A SERVICE COMPANY IN THE OILFIELD. I AM WRITING TO YOU REGARDING JEREMY HAMMOND'S CASE.

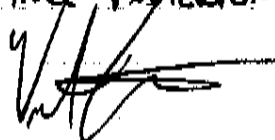
I DO NOT KNOW HIM PERSONALLY, BUT IT HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT SOME LENIENCY MAY BE WON IF ENOUGH PEOPLE ADVOCATE FOR HIS POSITION.

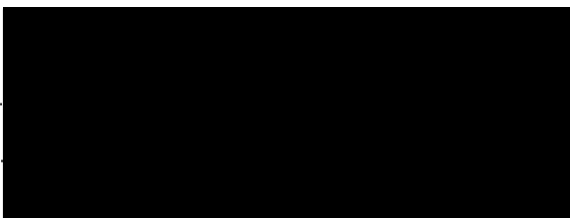
THIS MAN HAS ALREADY GIVEN UP A YEAR AND SOME OF HIS LIFE FOR THIS CAUSE, WHILE SO MANY MORE OF THE "EXPOSED" GO UNPUNISHED. HE IS AND WAS FIGHTING FOR WHAT HE THINKS ARE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS AND DOING SO WITHOUT PERSONAL GAIN. THESE ARE THE TYPE OF PEOPLE WE WANT IN OUR WORLD, NOT THE ONES WHO TRY TO SILENCE THEM. THIS IS OBVIOUSLY MY PERSONAL OPINION.

I MAY NOT AGREE 100% WITH THIS MANS METHODS BUT I DO BELIEVE HIS INTENTIONS ARE PURE. I KNOW YOU ARE BUSY, BUT I HOPE YOU TAKE THE TIME TO READ THIS.

PLEASE BE LENIENT.

SINCERELY

VINCE HAMERTON  




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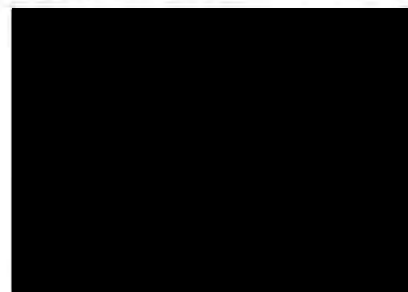
Chief Judge

Southern District of New York

500 Pearl Street

New York, NY 10007

Angela Hayes



14/10/2013

Dear Judge Preska,

I am a college student from Ireland. I am interested in this case as I am interested in my own right to privacy. I believe that Jeremy is facing a punishment too harsh for his actions. He should be treated with compassion as his actions were motivated by a change for the better rather than financial gain. Please keep in mind that the CFAA was written way before the internet as it exists today and needs to be changed. Reading about cases involving the CFFA remind me of an article I read the other day; In Ireland, it was illegal for a woman to drink a pint in a pub until 2002 or refuse to have sex with her husband until 1990. I think the reason that these laws were left so long to change is because many people take for granted that outdated laws are not enforced. I think this attitude can easily lead to cases like Jeremeys. Before reading about Jeremys case I would never have thought that a crime such as Jeremys could carry such a harsh sentence (especially considering his motivations.) Luckily, it hasn't in Ireland and in the UK in the cases of his co-defendants. Many people want the law changed in regards to the CFAA and although you can't do this you can give Jeremy a lenient sentence and not ruin his life. He did break the law, an outdated law.

Angela Hayes

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Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Preska

I am writing this in earnest, to request leniency for Jeremy Hammond.  
We, as members of the public and concerned citizens, have been encouraged to express our personal concern regarding Mr Hammond's trial and pending sentence and in expressing support have been instructed as such -"Do not try to argue that Jeremy is not guilty or was unfairly convicted. You are asking the Judge for leniency."

In writing this plea for leniency to you I find it difficult to avoid mention of the fact that Jeremy was acting in good faith. It is perfectly understandable from any empathic point of view that Mr Hammond's choice of actions were motivated by a compulsion to take appropriate reasonable ethical action under the circumstances- for the greater good.

As many well adjusted, conscientious, intelligent and decent human beings -when Mr Hammond saw the injustice, he saw large scale hypocrisy, he saw taxpayer funds being invested in questionable and possibly corrupt practice - he sent a link for access. I believe I may have done the same. What might you have done? What would any normal scrupulous person do other than shine a light on corruption - perceived or actual. It is not at all surprising that sane and decent persons would experience an immediate compulsion, an uncomplicated disposition to shine a light - brightly- on questionable or predatory practices? There would likely be no dissonance in a matter of such proportion. The injustice being perpetrated against citizens' freedoms calls for questioning.

Surveillance even when sanctioned -is certainly not above scrutiny in its scale and complexity -and nor should it be. That current laws drove Aaron Swartz to his suicide are indicative of cruel brutal injustice -uncivilized and clearly savage. i believe that the way all whistleblowers are currently being treated is beneath the human rights of the individual and against the ethos of a free state. It is undemocratic.

When Antigone defied Creon in Sophocle's fifth century Greek tragedy -she acted in the best interests of liberty and freedom for all human beings. Antigone acted according to her conscience - as brave people do, standing up for their rights and those of others. Sophocle's said there are immutable universal laws that no man made edict can supersede. This is one such law- Jeremy Hammond acted in good faith for the greater good according to immutable universal laws of liberty, right to

transparency and true justice. He is entitled to leniency as a matter of civility.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,

Deborah Hendry

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

October 9, 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Michelle James. I am a former business owner who found myself with time on my hands over the last year. I ended up finding Sue Crabtree and Jeremy Hammond and I can honestly say my life will never be the same again. I have written letters back and forth with Jeremy but have never met him. Sue Crabtree has become a very dear friend of mine. I know she has written to you to tell you how Jeremy has changed her life for the better and she has passed that on to me as well. In the past year I have started volunteering with an organization called Community Care. Being around Sue and involved with Jeremy's case made me realize that to bring about change in the world I needed to be willing to start in my own community. It's not just the people that Jeremy has direct contact with who wind up becoming better people and giving back to their community, it's a domino effect. I feel like I know Jeremy personally because of the way Sue talks about him and I can honestly say that I've only ever seen examples of people being inspired to do good things because of him. I know he's not a saint and I'm not trying to paint him that way. Yes he has a previous record but he has always been willing to pay the price for his choices. You can't really say that about many people's character.

I'm not arguing Jeremy's innocence. He has pled guilty and needs to pay the price for what he has done. What I am arguing is the disproportionate sentence that Jeremy is facing due to the CFAA compared to other defendants in this case in other parts of the world. They faced less than two years and some have already been released.

There is the letter of the law and the spirit of the law and the CFAA is an antiquated piece of legislation that was written long before home computers and cell phones were a common thing. Back when people like Kevin Mitnick were kept in solitary because so little was known about hacking that they were afraid that he could start a nuclear war just by whistling into a phone.

Your honor, with all due respect, I was in your court room during Jeremy's bail hearing and it felt to me that it was more of the same reaction that Kevin Mitnick received. People who know very little about hacking and what it entails were given the task to prosecute, defend, and judge



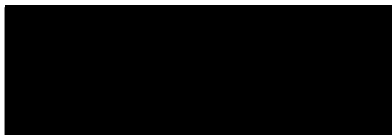
Jeremy. I'm not saying that he's above you or the law in any way but that someone who were to look at the situation having more knowledge of the activist community that Jeremy is a part of and of hacking in general could see that he was never in it for the credit card numbers or to make money off the situation. Even looking back on prior cases you can see that Jeremy's motives were always altruistic. Again, there is the letter of the law and the spirit of it and I hope you can look at Jeremy's case in shades of grey.

I was also at the last hearing where Jeremy pled guilty and I will be there next month when you sentence him. I feel like Jeremy is being made an example of. That perhaps it is felt that giving him a harsh sentence will send a message to others who are thinking of doing what he did. Again that would be the impression of someone who is unaware of our "community" Jeremy is and always will be a hero to us and we will be there for him and supporting him until the day he is free. The only thing that could possibly be achieved by giving him a disproportionately harsh sentence would be to make him a martyr. Jeremy is in jail right now teaching the other inmates how to play the guitar and sharing his books with them. He's going to have a positive impact on humanity no matter where he is, of that I have no doubt.

Sincerely,

*Michelle James*

Michelle James



**Monsieur Frédéric Jouvin**

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**Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
NEW YORK, NY 10007  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**Object:** Jeremy Hammond support letter.

Paris, the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013,

Dear Judge Preska,

I am an engineer in electronics and computer science, specialized in networks and telecommunications, but I am also a fully assumed hacker and hacktivist, and an active defender of Human Rights, Freedom, and Peaceful values.

Former Start-Up founder (Neotis Telecom, prizewinner in year 2001 and 2002 of the 3rd and 4th Innovating Technologies Start-Up National Contest, organized by the French Ministry of R&D), I have also worked as a civilian telecommunication expert for NATO on ISAF Telecommunication network in Afghanistan.

I don't know Jeremy personally, but I think it was my duty to write him a support letter, for the following reasons:

- I have been personally victim of these private intelligence agencies, and I consider these companies' activities should be fully prohibited and declared illegal. They are a direct threat to democracy, fair trade, and peace, and they allow the rich and/or the powerful multinationals companies to create some form of strong unfair competition against little entities.
- I consider these companies as dangerous as mafias, as they usually have the same impunity and power: They break the laws with a total impunity, and they maintain dangerous links with official spying agencies, corrupting them and doing some kind of business with them, which is really a shame in democratic countries claiming fair trade values.

These companies activities should definitely be forbidden, while Jeremy's kind of civilian actions should be definitely supported.

That's the reason why I am asking you considering the highest level of leniency for Jeremy Hammond as long as what he did can be considered as an attempt to inform the people about these companies' power abuse, and warning everybody about the dark business they are doing in the shadows with full impunity:

These mercenary spying agencies' activities threaten directly the lives of many people, and are also a direct threat to democratic and fair trade processes: They only serve selfish financial interests of corrupted powerful companies and people, and they break law and unbalance all the fair trade rules in every country.

Therefore, I consider Jeremy Hammond's actions regarding Stratfor as a duty according to the articles N°34 and N°35 of the Human Right declaration of 1793, as long as these companies are above the law and act with full impunity.

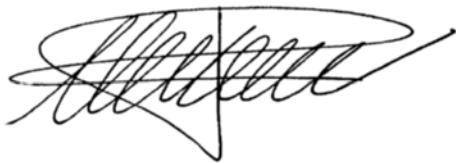
I also consider that a disproportionate sentence for Jeremy Hammond associated with the CFAA would be rather unfair and unfounded, and that the protection the CFAA affords to corporations is greater than those it affords to individuals, who may be subjected to surveillance by private corporations such as Stratfor.

This is key to understanding why all his supporters worldwide hold Jeremy Hammond in such high regard. His actions pulled open the curtain of deception and allowed us to see behind it. He exposed the World that has been pulled over our eyes, to blind us from the truth.

Finally, I would like to mention Jeremy had no financial gain from his actions, which he undertook as politically-motivated acts of civil disobedience.

Sincerely,

Frédéric Jouvin.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frédéric Jouvin', with a stylized, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

10-13-2013

Sean Lee

**Honorable Loretta A. Preska**  
**Chief Judge**

Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Preska,

My name is Sean Lee, and I am a 23 year old Criminology student from Canada. While I do not know Jeremy Hammond personally, I do know and understand that he has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.

I am writing to you, because his case is of interest to me. We are currently living in a world where surveillance by the state is a very hot topic in the news. The recent revelations against the NSA have turned the idea of a government surveillance program from a dystopian fantasy, to something that is all too real. I believe that all governments should be transparent. I believe that the good of the nation and its citizens should be the only concern of government. Keeping secrets and prosecuting people who expose the truth, only divides the nation into a conflict between a government and its people.

As you must know, while Jeremy has pled guilty, he did what he did with honourable intent: trying to keep the government honest, and keep the constitutional rights of the American citizens from being violated. He did not gain anything financially from his actions, which he carried out as a politically-motivated act of civil disobedience. Even though I am Canadian, I believe this incident is not isolated to the United States, which is why I am writing to you now. I only ask that you take into consideration what his intention was when he decided to take it upon himself to attempt to bring the truth to light for the sake of his fellow citizens.

Your decision can make a huge difference for not only Jeremy, but to an entire community of people who are in support of Jeremy and many others that are in similar situation as his.  
Thank you for reading,

Sincerely,



Sean Lee

**From:** Cher Marsh [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Hammond  
**Date:** October 13, 2013 4:59:57 PM EDT  
**To:** [REDACTED]

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Ok I'm dyslexic so for both our sakes I'm going to keep this short and sweet. To the people from the UK Hammond is a Hero not a criminal. He did not do this for money he did this because he had no choice when the system is so corrupt. We have the same problem here in the UK now I would say it's better to fight in the way he did because at least building and public and innocent were not hurt doing it, unlike many riots that could and probably will take place because over here and in many country's we know what is going on and we want a life that is fair to the rich and poor. And an equal justice system and at the present we just don't have that. Yes he did wrong but on a scale that he is fighting he is an angle against the things the people he is fighting to stop have done to our country's. we will not forget what he has done and if not released we will only become bigger and stronger because injustice makes people stand up and stick together and if he is locked up any longer than has been as we feel he has done his time for his crime it would be just that UNJUST . So I and many others from the UK would hope you show Compassion for a young man trying to get people to do the right thing. When many if our kids are more worried about getting there next fix this guy is trying to clean up our systems when most just would not care. This young man is a hero not a criminal if the system was not full of criminals I'm with out a Doubt this young man would not be in the position he is today. Do the RIGHT thing set him free. [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone



Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> 2013

Dear Judge Preska,

My name is Alexander McLaren. I am a Buddhist monk and meditation teacher. For the last 15 years I have served as the Resident Teacher at various Buddhist Centres in the UK, most recently at Tara Kadampa Meditation Centre in Derbyshire, one of the largest residential Buddhist teacher training centres in Europe. I have been following developments in the news regarding journalism, corporate and governmental secrecy and transparency, civil liberties, democracy and the treatment of so-called “whistleblowers”. I am concerned that there appears to be an undemocratic, and in the United States, arguably unconstitutional, bias in favour of government and corporations. This is exemplified in the disproportionate sentences associated with the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA), and the vastly greater protection that the CFAA affords to corporations as opposed to those it affords to individuals, who may be subjected to surveillance by private corporations such as Stratfor.

In the case currently before you of Jeremy Hammond, he has pled guilty to a violation of the CFAA, and as a consequence under US Law he faces a potentially huge custodial sentence of ten years in prison. By comparison, his co-defendants in Ireland will not be prosecuted at all, whilst those in the UK already convicted will face sentences of no more than 16 months in prison.

Whilst I fully understand that your job is not to make the law, nevertheless it is in your power to hand down a sentence that appropriately reflects the severity of the charges and the harm to individuals and society caused by the offender’s actions. In this case it is surely appropriate to consider Mr Hammond’s good character, his apparently beneficial motivation (whether or not one considers it misguided) and the degree of harm inflicted—and on whom. It is definitely arguable that whilst a company of debatable public benefit and moral integrity may have suffered damage to its reputation and, so they claim, operations, the public has conversely greatly benefited. This, from all the available evidence, was always Mr Hammond’s intention.

It is surely worth noting that he never stood to gain financially from his actions, and that he has stated repeatedly that they were politically motivated actions of civil disobedience. Your nation’s history is full of revered examples of such disobedience; indeed, the United States is founded on such actions.

Please show compassion and leniency in your sentencing in this case. I genuinely believe that there is more than one individual’s freedom at stake in this case; the moral integrity of the United States, its constitution and its judicial system, and that of the entire western world, is in the balance. Mr Hammond has pled guilty to offences and may therefore need to be punished—but surely his punishment should be appropriately lenient.

I write to you in the hope that our society is not yet entirely lost to the financial interests of corporations, but is still, at its heart, a good and moral one. Thank you for your consideration of these points.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alex McLaren".

Alex McLaren



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Date: 14/10/2013

Dear Judge Preska:

My name is Alkaios Nikolaou and I am 18 years old and I've just signed in a Music University in Greece, my homeland.

I'm afraid that my skills of the English language are not enough for a further discussion of Jeremy's case, my knowledge of the English language though is efficient to state my opinion.

Although I don't personally know Jeremy, I've read a lot about his struggle so, I've come to the conclusion that even if his acts have violated the Computer Fraud and Abuse act, what he wanted (and wants) is a well-formed society, free and enlightened. He didn't do anything for money or other personal reasons so by my opinion he should be judged leniently.

With all of my respect, I'm of course not telling you what to do. I believe that we people should be like Jeremy Hammond and fight for our beliefs and <sup>get</sup> the best of all of us without having to suffer for our efforts.

Thank you really much for your time and consideration

Respectfully,

Alkaios Nikolaou.



Honorable Lorraine A. Preska

Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, N.Y. 1007

Date: 15-10-2013

Honorable Judge Preska

My name is Lydia Nikolaou and I'm 48 years old, I'm teaching in a school in a greek island.

Although I don't personally know Jeremy, I can understand the character of a person 'cause of my experience with people, observing them from their childhood years, till they become adults. I'm sure that Jeremy did what he did for the good of all of us, for what he believes is right, he didn't do anything for personal interest. Jeremy certainly ain't the person who who will be put in jail and becomes forgotten, but everyone will question if justice works.

With all of my respect, I'm not telling you what to do, but my opinion is that he should be free and creative in society. I'm writting this letter representing a big number of young students who are not yet adults, to send a letter for this case themselves, but they won't forget Jeremy when they become.

We people in Greece love Jeremy Hammond and believe he should be free.

With all my respect,

Lydia Nikolaou

From: "Alx Gucci" [REDACTED]  
Subject: **Jeremy Hammond letter**  
Date: October 15, 2013 9:48:13 [REDACTED]  
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Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
October 15th, 2013

Dear Honorable Judge Preska

My name is Alex Portella. I am from Brazil. In light of all the revelations that have seen the light of day in the last few months (re: illegal spying by US via NSA) I write to you this letter to plea for leniency in Jeremy Hammond's sentencing.

Jeremy acted out of political conscience. He didn't profit from the acts he committed. He wanted to expose the dirty laundry of corrupt organizations. Jeremy advanced the cause of liberty and sovereignty of nations worldwide. Latin American nations such as Brazil will always hold him in high regard because as you may or may not know, US meddling (behind closed doors, and often conducted under the purview of so-called "intelligence agencies") in Latin American affairs is a concrete and tragic fact.

Please keep this mind when you make your sentence. Please keep in mind the people and countries of the world who benefited from his courage.

Thank you for your time.

Alex

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

15<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Judge Preska,

We as a team work closely with the public in Turkey and worldwide to surface injustices and inequalities our people face while they try to live an honourable life. We had the privilege of meeting Jeremy Hammond online few years back. We have been following his case from Turkey and we are aware that he has pleaded guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.

Although he willing takes responsibility of his actions we kindly request you to treat him with well-deserved respect and leniency. We have always believed in him as an honourable defender of the information that supposed to be transparent.

People found guilty of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act face sentences harsher than those of real crimes committed by war criminals and other real crimes such as rape, theft.

As you may be aware Jeremy has been instigated and encouraged by highly skilled FBI informant in regards to Stratfor. Therefore mitigating circumstances does play a crucial part in his plea. We strongly believe that in the run up to the Jeremy's case there have been factors of entrapment that have been set up by the so called informant and other agencies.

None of Jeremy's action in the past and present was for his personal gain and he had not committed a crime greater than of those who use violence and directly targets individuals that results in murder or massacre.

As you may also be aware Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland will not be prosecuted and in the United Kingdom, those who are already convicted will not spent more than 16 months in prison.

Jeremy has already spent far long in prison under harsh conditions. He has a bright and long life waiting for him outside with his family, therefore we implore you to release him with time served and pain that have been inflicted on him should not be carried further.

Yours Sincerely,

Redhack - Turkey

October 3rd 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

Please understand this as a pledge for compassion based on my personal feelings and thoughts towards Jeremy Hammond's actions.

I'm Pablo Cardoso Saunière, a 36 year old francspanish EU citizen, catholic and social/human rights activist since I was 18. I'm married and we live in our own house next to Zamora (Spain). You can write to [REDACTED] to confirm I truly wrote this letter or if more personal information was needed.'

I do not know Jeremy Hammond but I am aware that he has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. Please consider this letter as long as you think that the lack of financial gain on his actions remains proved. As long as you do, I will be sure that he felt forced to choose civil disobedience moved by strong political beliefs.

I believe that the strenght of democracy relies on the courage of citizens ready to lose something worth for them while fighting what they see as a menace of tyranny. Of course soldiers, policemen, periodists and many more, but mainly on the often unnoticed people that fight a daily non-violent battle in everyone's minds, spreading information and thoughts. No matter if we believe they're right or wrong, when there's no personal gain in their actions it looks reasonable thinking that they try their best to warn or protect us from dangers that we may not be aware of. I think that without them there would not be democracy at all.

Some people may think that a reduced prison stance for Jeremy Hammond could encourage others breaking the law. Maybe, but what I'm sure of is that a citizen risking his own freedom in an attempt of protecting other people and democracy itself should never be treated the same way that a criminal that endangers or harms other people looking for a personal benefit. Specially when the fact of that the US government spy human rights activists has never been a real secret. The questions were who, how, and the scary one, why.

That's why I'm asking you a minimal jail stance for him, if possible short enough for having him already paid his debt, since as it seems he's been there since March 2012 in solitary confinement. I really think he has already paid his guilt.

Thank you for your time, may God help you deciding the best for all of us.



October 10 2013

Dear Judge Preska:

I am just a average person who is concerned about Jeremy Hammond's sentencing. Harsh punishments under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act may steer people away from computer research and innovation, which is central to our new world.

Jeremy has already spent over a year in prison. Consider also that Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland will not be prosecuted and that in the United Kingdom, those who are already convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison.

I am asking you to be lenient in his sentencing. I see much worse crimes getting a slap on the wrist. Please consider a lighter sentence and show people that you are in fact honourable. Thank you

sincerely

Karen Savard

Ontario, Canada



Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

15/10/2013

Dear Judge Preska

I live in Sweden and have done so for the last 21 years since I came here as a child escaping the Bosnian war 1992. A student in the field of education but previously worked in elderly care.

I am aware that Jeremy has pled guilty to violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act but my great interest in the case is due to a) a concern for Jeremy's future and well-being.

Behind the violation is a young man my generation with his whole life ahead of him, whom I can then relate to and believe he too is one that has, will and can contribute greatly to society and life of others. He's had time to contemplate through the different aspects that lead to this point in his life, and as a result has been able to show that he takes full responsibility for his actions. There's great potential in the intelligence and compassion he holds so honestly, he deserves the compassion because he too can live up to and realize his full potential.

I live in Europe so I am aware of the cases and verdicts of Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland and United Kingdom, who too like Jeremy, are young with potential left to realize. In that context Jeremy as well deserves consideration and chance to show what he's learned by being as soon as possibly given an active member of society.

Another reason to my great interest in the case is due to b) where we're heading as individuals and in consequence communities or even nations. There are now worldwide concerns about surveillance; the effect disproportionate sentences will do for private corporations like Stratfor to advance but that the individuals in USA and worldwide cannot afford. Individual rights are supposed to be under legal protection especially a necessity in times of social and economic distress. That is when these rights are also the most vulnerable for all humans, in need of our deepest consideration while Jeremy is in need of the compassion that will set the principal example.

Kind Regards,  
Nermina Sejdic

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**From:** Rodrigo Ferrada Stoeihrel [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** regarding the case of Jeremy Hammond  
**Date:** October 14, 2013 4:31:55 PM EDT  
**To:** [REDACTED]

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Dear Judge Preska,

my name is Rodrigo Ferrada Stoeihrel and I am a PhD candidate at Umeå University, Sweden (dept. of culture and media studies). I am not personally acquainted with Jeremy Hammond but I have followed his case from Sweden due to my academic work/research on political communication.

I believe Jeremy Hammond should be treated with compassion due to his political intentions of these computer crimes he have admitted. That is, my observation is that Jeremy Hammond acted (albeit naive but nevertheless) in a human rights-activist political purpose, and not what you might would call "a criminal response" for his own good. It should, hence, also be worth noting that in these (computer) crimes he have admitted, there were no physical harm involved, and no personal economic profit (he had no financial gain from his actions).

I would also like to stress or put the case of Jeremy Hammond in the context of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act ("CFAA"), in relation to the following points:

1. Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland and in the United Kingdom were given treatment that is disparate, those who are already convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison, some have already been released.

2. The disproportionate sentences associated with the CFAA, or that the protection the CFAA affords to corporations is greater than those it affords to individuals, who may be subjected to surveillance by private corporations such as Stratfor.

Please note, however, that I'm not arguing that Jeremy is not guilty or was unfairly convicted. I'm asking you for leniency.

All the best,

Rodrigo

Rodrigo Ferrada Stoeihrel, PhD Candidate  
[REDACTED]

Arete Tssiktsa

14th October 2013

Honourable Judge Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Preska,

I am a South African living in the UK and the mother of one teenage child.

I am writing to ask that you please look upon the case of Jeremy Hammond with leniency.

I am aware that Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, but I am told that the CFAA, written prior to the existence of the Internet as we know it, is somewhat out-dated and affords disproportionate and greater protection to corporations than individuals, who may themselves be subjected to surveillance by private corporations such as Stratfor. I therefore ask that you please allay the escalating fears of many regarding depersonalization in this Brave New World and treat Jeremy with humanity and compassion, taking into account the amount of time he has already spent awaiting trial.

Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland and the UK were given treatment that is disparate. Those who are already convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison, and some have already been released.

Jeremy made no financial gains from the actions for which he faces incarceration. He undertook them as socially-conscious acts of civil disobedience.

Your Honour Judge Preska, may I appeal also to the memory of perhaps more distant examples of socially disruptive behaviour which might indeed have broken rules of their day, but from which we both have no doubt benefitted and gained freedoms: the "vandalous" actions of the Suffragettes, and more recently, the courageous albeit defiant action of Mahlala Yousatzif against the educational restrictions placed on girls by the Taliban.

Your Honour, it is with humility and hope that I end this letter. Jeremy Hammond is not a self-serving criminal. Please allow History to find in his case the genuine perspective and fair context of his deeds, and a lenient sentence from yourself, in accordance with his brave and idealistic motivations.

Yours sincerely,



Arete Tssiktsa

[REDACTED] Oct. 13-10-2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska

Chief Judge

Southern District of New York

500 Pearl Street

New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Preska:

Greeting in advance, my name is Teresa Vanegas, I am Venezuelan, TSU in Tourism, mother of 2 beautiful daughters, the youngest has 17 years old, and also likes the computation, because I also say here that reading about the case "Jeremy" decided to join those seeking sympathy, because it is a young, may be your son, nephew or grandchild, as some of my 2 daughters, young, what this young man is happening can happen to any young, in a globalized world and even ignorance of laws that can reach internacionalizarce, I try to make myself understood in my request, as a mother, for this young man who could be my son, nephew or grandson to me. Thank you for your kindness.

Saludo de antemano, mi nombre es Teresa Vanegas, soy venezolana, TSU en Turismo, madre de 2 hermosas hijas, la menor cuenta con 17 años de edad, y también le gusta la computación, digo también porque he aquí que leyendo sobre el caso "Jeremy" decidí unirme a las personas que solicitan su condolencia, pues se trata de un joven, puede ser su hijo, sobrino o nieto, como algunas de mis 2 hijas, jóvenes, lo que a este joven le está ocurriendo le puede pasar a cualquier joven, en un mundo globalizado y con desconocimiento aun de leyes que pueden llegar a internacionalizarse, trato de hacerme entender en mi petición, como madre, por este joven quien puede ser mi hijo, sobrino o nieto para mí. Gracias por su benevolencia.

Teresa Vanegas  
[REDACTED]

Steven Willett



14 October 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Preska,

I am inviting you to pass a lenient sentence on Jeremy Hammond. I live in Salford, England, where long sentences are passed only for the most serious crimes. Instead of a death penalty we have only about 35 prisoners serving life without parole, and even that is being appealed to the European Court of Human Rights. A report about six months ago said that there were generally "Less than five prisoners in solitary confinement at any time." On 23 August 2013 Asil Nadir, whose business empire Polly Peck collapsed in a £28.8 million fraud about twenty years ago but who returned from exile in Cypress to clear his name, was sentenced to ten years in jail, which will be served in an open prison with parole virtually guaranteed after serving only half. On 20 April 2013 two men charged with a gangland shooting that left a girl of five paralyzed were sentenced to seventeen and fourteen years which means they will be out in eight and a half and seven. Also 23 August 2013 180 mph M6 gang leader getaway driver Ben Westwood jailed nine years after a six month robbery spree. The rest of the gang got shorter sentences. All will be out in less than five years.

In a recent high profile case 5 October 2013, Amanda Hutton, an alcoholic mother of eight received nine years for manslaughter and three years for child neglect, unusually to serve consecutively, in a case where her four-year-old son had been found in a squalid house starved to death twenty one months earlier in a baby grow suitable for six month olds. She should get parole in seven and a half years. In the only case that may be thought comparable to Jeremy Hammond's on 9 June 2013 the perpetrators of the UK Confidential identity fraud got sentences of up to six years and nine months, which means out in three years and five months.

Note that these are all what we in the UK call the longest sentences for the most serious crimes.

My late father, Professor Frank Willett, Commander of the British Empire (C.B.E.) had the privilege of doing pioneering excavations in Ife, Nigeria, in 1957-1964 and he took the family out when I was three. I was absolutely overwhelmed by the sheer beauty of the African Rain Forest, which I played in every afternoon. It led me to a great thirst for knowledge about nature and then other school subjects, especially the sciences.

After writing a book at Oxford University my father took a professorship in African Art at Northwestern University, Evanston Illinois where I attended Noyes Elementary, Haven Junior High and Evanston Township High School, where I earned a Bausch and Lomb Award for best science student in the school and an \$800 scholarship first prize from the Chicago Chapter of the American Chemical Society. I devoured the later pacifist tracts by Leo Tolstoy and read books about Buddhism, but I despaired of finding a career using my

science that didn't make capitalism even worse. Even in Bolton, Lancashire, England as a nearly three-year-old I had had a vision that grown-ups deliberately stopped each other from being friendly in order to make each other boring. That was accompanied by my first powerful vision of the essence of the African Rain Forest which came like a thunderbolt and I could transmit to the Dalai Lama when he visited Manchester on July 19, 1996 and he told me it was vajrayana initiation from an animal. It is comparable to the Rinzai Zen experience of kensho.

In 1973 I came back to England to attend Manchester Medical School as I felt that that was a career in which in the National Health Service I would not be making capitalism worse. But when I came to do psychiatry I felt far more affinity with the patients than with the staff. I felt they had no sympathy with the obvious suffering of the patients who had evidently fallen foul of the grown-up world and were merely being given drugs to disable the parts of the brain that didn't match the commonest psychosis, normopathy.

During my fourth year I suffered a psychotic depression and dropped out, teaching myself photography, specializing in cave photography, photographing rock climbing and informal portraiture. I did not realize until recently I had become a hacker into the natural internet. I had been absorbing the good karma of all my teachers and acquaintances until from time to time I absorb a whole natural database of the good karma of a whole culture, sometimes from a single person in particular. From out of samsara, nirvana will be revealed.

I first hacked into the life of Jesus in 1979 from the Jesus of the gospels and all my Christian friends and family I have respected. It came after a difficult time just after I had started photographing as a socialist journalist and had the stress of looking after a bipolar girlfriend and her two-year-old son and faced two criminal charges which were later dismissed. I was immediately a born-again Christian and was admitted for the first time with hypomania, which drugs only made worse as soon as I was discharged.

After four admissions I ran away and had one of the two most productive periods of my life. I specialized in covering trade union recognition disputes and redundancy disputes, deportation, divided family and anti-racist actions but also taught photography, cycle maintenance and outdoor pursuits to young offenders through National Association for Care and Resettlement of Offenders. I also became one of the main trip organizers and trainers in rock climbing within Red Rope Socialist Mountaineering and Rambling Club. Through a member of Red Rope I was reintroduced to the Triratna Buddhist Order (formerly Friends of the Western Buddhist Order) and studied the entire taped lecture library by its founder Sangarakshita and cultivated a daily meditation practice in the two years before I went to the Alps for the first time in late summer 1985.

My partners returned early with altitude sickness and blisters so I was teaching myself ice-climbing by soloing the more modest North Faces when an Austrian woman, Brigitte Kzech, who was also soloing, invited me to climb the biggest North Face in Austria, the Pallavicinni Couloir as only my fourth lead of an ice climb. As we were traversing towards the climb I contemplated whether it was worth risking my life just for a fantastic climb when I noticed with guilt my striking the ice with my crampons and remembered the guilt with which a friend who had committed suicide two years previously, Vanesa Crummie, drank her pint of beer. From her rebirth as a buddha or bodhisattva she sent me a natural database of the mountains, the mountaineers and the complete history of the world's climbing. I knew that were I to perish this natural database would survive me. As the only woman and the only Briton to climb the route that season we were fêted at the top.

I was pleasantly high for two months after until a stressful long weekend (during which I



received the natural databases of Moira O'Shea, a Republican and mental health activist, and David Brandon, my first zen master) lead to a next experience of partial enlightenment when I commented about a John Wayne film and from beyond the grave he sent me the natural database of the early history of the Buddha and Jesus Christ. This led to a manic episode which was again treated with drugs that only made me worse, first for six months, during which Beethoven sent me his natural database, and then, after a four month break, for four years of revolving door admissions. Eventually they kept me as an inpatient for five years on depots of prolixine until I won a Mental Health Appeal Tribunal.

There then followed the second productive period of my life during which I took my future wife on three ten day and three five day retreats with the London Buddhist Centre, set up and organized Salford Manic Depression Fellowship and Survivors Concerts to take advantage of cheap tickets for disabled and their companions at Manchester's concert halls, and sat on the consultative committees of Salford Social Services and Mental Health Services of Salford and took part in training courses.

In the autumn of 1997 Emily Dale from Central Manchester Quakers asked us to write letters of support for Brandon Astor Jones, on Georgia death row. We could read his weekly column in the Australia New Green Left Weekly online. Around the same time Professor Falloon from New Zealand had given staff and three patients a course on Integrated Mental Health Care and wanted me to do the final assessment by e-mail. I only had an Apple LC with 10MG of memory and 80MG of hard drive but I did an online course on the internet at Manchester Metropolitan University in December 1997-February 1999 and joined mailing lists for mental health rights and American prisoner rights.

My wife was becoming increasingly housebound so I spent a lot of time on the internet, mostly on mailing lists as downloading too many web pages was expensive on dial-up. I made half a dozen pen friends in US prisons and produced an internet based newsletter for distribution to them and locally. I am pleased to have received fourteen replies to letters to the California Senate including a response to one of the first two letters my wife ever wrote on a computer. With his wife's help I produced a web page for Patrick Swiney which Sherry Swiney said was the best anyone had written for her husband and she put it at the top of her signature.

In early March I took my wife to a concert of the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, which is the orchestra I know best, for the first time in about a year and was amazed to discover that they had absorbed the thunderbolts of natural databases of the history of the world's ecosystems and the history of mountaineering, in fact all my good karma that I had been sending into the orchestra in the previous three years. I could see the history of many of the world's great climbs in all the notes of music they were playing.

While writing to two prisoners in SHUs in California and Texas I came to the conclusion that perhaps the US correctional industry could be transformed into the greatest monasteries the world had known since Tibet. Certainly Jeremy Hammond came out of his earlier prison sentence a stronger man.

On March 22 at the AGM of MIND-in-Salford I was replaced as secretary by a woman who couldn't even type. Our taxi was forty five minutes late and the photocopier had run out of paper to print my internet newsletter. I was allowed the role of secretary of MIND-in-Salford International though. In the morning at 9:12 I meditated on a polyp on my wife's back and threw the music of the minuet from Mozart's K387 G major string quartet at that polyp using all the karma at my disposal. Instead of the karma being like a blinding light from the sun I had a vision of all universes more numerous than stars on a clear night sky.

I had mastered the karma of this universe and had thus had my first glimpse of all universes. This was Vajrayana Enlightenment.

This led to me being pretty manic almost immediately. I thought I ought to be able to send out an all universe alert requesting a Messiah to come and clear up the mess we had made of our planet. I sent out two alerts, one asking "How do we mend our rain forests?" and the other "In universes of more complicated versions of time is there anything as perverse as prisons and mental hospitals?" To the second I got a resounding silence: to the first I got over five hundred replies, mostly flashes of insight similar to the rain forests I was familiar with, but I couldn't read them except to guess they came from deva or heaven realms where this seemed likely to be the main form of communication.

I was frustrated at not being able to do anything useful with the natural internet until I saw Monica Lewinsky being interviewed on breakfast television. She was finishing a book launch tour and said she was thrilled at how supportive the British had been. It struck me that because she had adored the President she had absorbed only his good karma by being so completely submissive to him in the same way that Princess Diana had absorbed the good karma of Prince Charles and the Royal Family by being submissive to them. I don't think Monica herself realized that.

I wanted to make a natural hack into Monica Lewinsky. I thought of the man whose sexuality would be so much more subdued and cultured and chose to headline my good karma with the karma of Professor John Mills, who had been my lecturer on cardio-respiratory physiology at Manchester Medical School. He had refined his trade as the physiologist on the Shipton reconnaissance expedition to the Everest South Col in 1951. He would have been thoroughly familiar with the Mallory expeditions of the 1920s and had kept an interest in mountaineering all his life, dying of a heart attack while walking on the Pyg Track up Snowdon in North Wales.

She surrendered immediately and sent me all her karma by return. President Clinton seemed to have been surrendering to other universes as well as this one. I thought that if we sent our combined karma to all the universes that either of us had contacted and asked those who received it to flood us with as much compassion as possible this might overwhelm the evil of the world with good. But first I wanted to check whether anyone had been making people more beautiful by killing them. I was amazed to get a reply from President Slobidan Milosevich to say that was exactly what he had been doing. I sent back a reply of beauty or a natural tutorial to say he needed to track down which universes all these dead Bosnians had ended up in. He said he already had. At this time Serbia was being bombed by US Cruise missiles so Milosevich would have been keen to know how long the bombardment may go on for and how willing was Clinton to deploy ground troops in Kosovo. I asked him if he'd be interested in the Monica Lewinsky version of President Clinton. He said he was so I sent him my entire good karma, headlined with the Monica Lewinsky version of President Clinton. The next day I heard on the news that Milosevich had surrendered and the cruise missiles had stopped.

This is natural hacking at its best. One needs to act with good will to all one's enemies. I am trying to spread the most enormous natural databases of good karma where ever anyone is attracted to it. On the electric internet I have only previously written in support of Gary Makinnon after listening to a radio play on BBC Radio 4 about him. He pled guilty without seeing a solicitor because he wanted to get home to his girlfriend and the police had told him he would likely only get a community sentence, which is the norm for less serious, none-violent offences. He had Asperger's syndrome and hacked into the Pentagon's computers to look for evidence of UFOs. Eventually the Home Office refused to

deport him to a possible 30 year sentence because of the suicide risk he posed.

I can only hack into other people's minds through consent, and because good karma cannot harm anyone. Enlightenment is a horizon, beyond which is unlimited spiritual growth. Apart from a brief period in 2006-7 when I stopped taking my clozapine after my wife died I have been on heavy doses of anti-psychotic drugs ever since, which obstruct the vision of the stars like a daylight cloudy sky. But from the position of the sun I can work out where the stars should be and know that at death if not before I will be liberated from these drugs and be able to help many beings in many universes as a bodhisattva.

Jeremy Hammond has hacked into a computer system designed to use the evil karma of obstruction against the objects of surveillance. He has done this out of his overwhelming thirst for human justice. He has not sought any material gain. His sentence should not be longer than the two years he got previously for compromising credit card details. America has to stop being the incarceration capital of the world.

Yours sincerely

Steven Willett

I am sorry this letter cannot contain my signature.

14<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Dear Judge Preska,

I live in Wales (part of the UK) and I have recently read about **JEREMY HAMMOND** and that his sentencing hearing is set for Friday, November 15 at 10am at the Federal District Court for the Southern District of New York. I am interested in his case because I am an accountant and use computer technology all the time. I have of course read about the recent cases of Julian Assange and Edward Snowden and DO sympathise with them because we are all being abused by inter/national agencies that we REALLY thought were respecting our privacy.

I am aware that Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. I am also aware that the NSA & GCHQ (amongst others) are also guilty of violation and abuse of our online privacy and computer rights. Even President Obama has stated that these issues and concerns NEED to be looked into and legislation changed. Jeremy should be treated with compassion because he cares and wanted to show that some things in this world need changing – just as his president himself admits and states.

Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland and in the United Kingdom were given treatment that is disparate, those who are already convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison, and some have already been released.

If – with this letter – I have caused you to think again about these issues and to be lenient in Jeremy's sentencing – then I have done something good in the world today.

With regards

Tracey  
South Wales

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**-against-**

**Case No. 12 Cr. 185 (LAP)**

**JEREMY HAMMOND,**

**Defendant.**

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**EXHIBIT F**

**CHANGE.ORG PETITION**

Jason Hammond  
change.org

Recipient: Judge Loretta Preska

Letter: Greetings,

I care deeply about the case of Jeremy Hammond, the young activist who is being sentenced in your court for a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. Please consider granting him a sentence of time served.

Jeremy has been incarcerated since March 2012, held in solitary confinement, and at times has not had the ability to communicate with his family. Outside of the opportunity you granted him to visit with his family in your courtroom, he has not been able to see his brother and his mother. The journey has been difficult for him and his family.

I ask you for leniency in this case. Please use your discretion when sentencing Jeremy and consider granting him a sentence of time served.



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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**-against-**

**Case No. 12 Cr. 185 (LAP)**

**JEREMY HAMMOND,**

**Defendant.**

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**EXHIBIT G**

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**URGENT: Jeremy Hammond is about to be sentenced for CFAA violations. Send a letter to his judge!**

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Jeremy Hammond is a gifted young computer programmer facing a decade in prison for violations of the the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA) -- the same abusive and outdated law under which Aaron Swartz was prosecuted last year.

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His crime? Leaking information from the private intelligence firm Strategic Forecasting, revealing that Stratfor had been spying on human rights activists at the behest of corporations and the U.S. government.

## Jeremy's sentencing is fast approaching. Sign to the right to send a letter to his judge asking for leniency.



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Just like Aaron, Jeremy did nothing for personal gain and everything in hopes of making the world a better place. And yet since March of 2012, Jeremy has been denied bail, cut off from his family, and held in solitary confinement -- treatment normally reserved for the most egregious offenses.

His co-defendants in Ireland and the UK face no more than 16 months in prison. Some of them have already been released. But thanks to the draconian CFAA, Jeremy faces a maximum sentence of ten years behind bars.

## Every letter could make the difference between Jeremy spending years behind bars, and getting to return to his family. Please help by signing to the right.



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### Tell Judge Preska: Jeremy Hammond has spent enough time behind bars

Name:

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The Letter:

I am aware that Jeremy Hammond has plead guilty to violations of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA). I am writing you ask for leniency in his sentencing. He has already spent more than enough time behind bars.

The sentences associated with the CFAA are vastly disproportionate to the crime. Jeremy faces up to 10 years in prison for politically motivated acts of civil disobedience, from which he sought no financial gain. Meanwhile, those of Jeremy's co-defendants convicted in Ireland and the UK will not spend more than 16 months in prison. Some have already been released.

Jeremy sought only to make the world a better place. I respectfully ask for leniency in his sentencing.

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220	Jim	Glass	Redmond	WA	98052
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224	Dave	Swift	Charlestown	MA	02129-1213
225	Chris	Verzulli	Setauket	NY	11733-2217
226	Tom	Hammons	Park Hills	KY	41011
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229	Telli	Zarza			20000
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231	Jenna	Fuller	El Cajon	CA	92020
232	Christine	Randell			20000
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282	Michael	Terry	Santa Monica	CA	90402-1115
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301	Vivian	Sovran	Seattle	WA	98107-3414
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304	James	Ness	Shelton	WA	98584-8827
305	Eric	Rebollo	las vegas	NV	89148-4215
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319	Michael	mahecha	West New York	NJ	07093-5212
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323	Rena	baskin	Watertown	MA	02472-4019
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337	Jacob	matthew	Seattle	WA	98116
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348	Chris	Smith	Santa Cruz	CA	95064-1050
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353	Jim	Crowley	Lake Forest	IL	60045-3540
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355	Cody	Goodman	Woodbridge	NJ	07095-3229
356	Brenda	Goldfinger	Randallstown	MD	21133-4634
357	Camille	Longino	Los Angeles	CA	90031-3387
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359	Donald	Taylor	Fair Oaks	CA	95628-6411
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365	Mika	KujanpÄ			20000
366	Michael	robinson	San Jose	CA	95113-1902
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368	Christina	Davenport	Seabrook	TX	77586-3248
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370	James	Guy	Wichita	KS	67203
371	James	Cook	Waterloo	IA	50702-4945
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379	Janet	Rehbein	Madison	WI	53704-2338
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415	Paul	Steffen	Milford	IN	46542
416	Robert	Hayden	Riverview	FL	33579-2378
417	Christina	Navarro	San Francisco	CA	94114-2098
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420	Victoria	Roy	Hillsborough	NC	27278-8397
421	Jim	Kappus	Simi Valley	CA	93063-0138
422	Margaret	Hart	Forest Grove	OR	97116
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424	David	Shankle	Houston	TX	77006-1058
425	Kristen	Yolland	Avondale	AZ	85392-5414
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427	Meghan	Scott			20000
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447	Sarah	Bellem	Felton	CA	95018-9432
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631	Bill	Tiwald	Albuquerque	NM	87112-6076
632	Seth	Gradflow	Raleigh	NC	27603
633	Victoria	Lyons	Cuyahoga Falls	OH	44223-1752
634	Erica	Neafsey	Fairfield	CT	06824-6139
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636	Ryan	Dove	Marion	IA	52302

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638	Mark	Carrington	Sharon	TN	38255-4469
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640	Christine	Dardalhon			20000
641	MaryLou	Benigno	Tucson	AZ	85745
642	Deborah	Harris	Stamford	CT	06903-1509
643	Meg	Holland	West Newton	MA	02465-1851
644	Estelle	Cruse	Tucson	AZ	85719-5752
645	Flamebo	Smith	Charles Town	WV	25414
646	Timothy	Devaney	Palm Harbor	FL	34685-3342
647	Sam	whittaker			20000
648	William	Mitchell	Conowingo	MD	21918-1122
649	Loren	Hagen	Oak Park	IL	60304
650	Richard	Shipps	Chicago	IL	60614-1020
651	Adrian	Seltzer	Wynnewood	PA	19096-2510
652	Mona	Thompson	Reisterstown	MD	21136-3646
653	David	Young	Jacksonville	FL	32225-7340
654	John	Cochrane	Akron	OH	44303-1569
655	Jennifer	Mattison	Los Angeles	CA	90012
656	J. Kenneth	Evans	Swampscott	MA	01907-2545
657	Angela	Loveless	Bolingbrook	IL	60440-9060
658	Vernon	Balmer	Honolulu	HI	96820
659	Shaun	Davidson	Portland	OR	97211-5828
660	Johan	Björk			20000
661	James	Opton	Dunn	NC	28334
662	Joan	Rosenblum	Ann Arbor	MI	48105-2520
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664	Sami	Nassar	Miami	FL	33106
665	Dale	Rosenburg	Duarte	CA	91008-1027
666	Anthony	Sparks	Vista	CA	92084-5437
667	Elizabeth	Hegarty	Brooklyn	NY	11206-6335
668	Michael	Weible	Clio	MI	48420
669	James	Earley	Aurora	CO	80013-6281
670	Ian	Clafin	Poughkeepsie	NY	12604
671	Leslie	Babson	Morris	IL	60450-9106
672	Yolanda	Hinojosa Torres			28028
673	Tom	Gallagher	Burlingame	CA	94010-7515
674	Chuck	Brotman	Raleigh	NC	27613-4439
675	Carlos	Cardona			20000
676	Robert	Crowder	Ridgefield	WA	98642-0489
677	Arron	Barton	Vancouver	WA	98662-1892
678	Shane	Sickles	Carrollton	VA	23314
679	Isaac	Salazar	Los Angeles	CA	90019-5149
680	Thomas	Mckie			20000
681	Sky	Oxford	Bellingham	WA	98226-3559
682	Amanda	Starbuck	San Francisco	CA	94108-3708
683	Mary	Behrens	Kansas City	MO	64114-4176
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688	Kimo	Bailey	San Francisco	CA	94117-2124
689	Tom	Pius			20000
690	Craig	Stallone	Flushing	NY	11367-1402
691	Andrew	Politzer	Bethel	CT	06801-2036
692	Edwin	Jackson	Houston	TX	77045-3652
693	Richard	Graziano	Plymouth	MI	48170-6600
694	Janine	Height			20000
695	Lee	Bailey	Ithaca	NY	14850-1256
696	Trudy	Ostby	Milton-Freewater	OR	97862-7361
697	Timothy	Keeler	Kenmore	WA	98028-4228
698	William	Crane	Grass Valley	CA	95949-7359
699	joe	Magnano	Stroudsburg	PA	18360
700	Katie	Flynn	Washington	DC	20003
701	Dennis	Whipple	Mesick	MI	49668-9607
702	Timothy	Ferry	Derwood	MD	20855-1209
703	Deborah	Jacobson	Williston	ND	58801
704	Michael	Darling	Frazier Park	CA	93225-9614
705	Susan	Likes	Putnam Valley	NY	10579-2006
706	Richard	Littauer	Truro	MA	2666
707	Lawrence	Seaman	Austin	TX	78745-2437
708	Dianne	Richardson	South Dennis	MA	02660-2713
709	Kim	Gardner	Los Gatos	CA	95033
710	Jarod	Reinhard	Concord	NH	03301-5402
711	Ann	Breeden	Sullivan	ME	4664
712	Erin	Weinstock	Houston	TX	77288-0338
713	Ann	Porter	Pickerington	OH	43147-8417
714	Robert	Buttcane	Douglas	AK	99824-5012
715	Vinit	Johri	Boca Raton	FL	33428
716	Jean	Norman	Livonia	MI	48154-2518
717	Alan	Brown	Canon City	CO	81212-2274
718	Nan	Becker	Newton	NJ	07860-4569
719	Lucas	Klein			0
720	Dan	Bolger	Santa Cruz	CA	95062-1702
721	Arash	Alavi	San Mateo	CA	94402
722	John	Somers	Bronx	NY	10464-1517
723	Thomas	Meyer	Cave Junction	OR	97523-9617
724	Vlad				10000
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726	James	Campbell	Woodstock	IL	60098-3240
727	Gabrielle	Stratton	Ann Arbor	MI	48103-5899
728	Suzy	Chersky	Fountain Valley	CA	92708-6756
729	Nick	Bray			20000
730	Ralph	Forte	River Edge	NJ	07661-1311
731	Russell	Stone	Micaville	NC	28755-0139
732	Andrew	Haws	Los Gatos	CA	95032-1334
733	Nick	Engelfried	Missoula	MT	59801
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737	Dawn	Chen			Zip
738	Katherine	Showalter	Cupertino	CA	95014-4310
739	Robert				20000
740	Darla	Heil	Bishop	CA	93514-2822
741	Walter	Herrmann	Chicago	IL	60613-4666
742	Marva	Fucci	Oxnard	CA	93035
743	E	Kroeker	Carbondale	IL	62901
744	Ross	Copeland			20000
745	Lucas	Perdue	Bremerton	WA	98311-8894
746	Joe	Spicha	Missoula	MT	59807
747	Carolyn	White	Aurora	WV	26705
748	Jorge	Gomez	San Antonio	TX	78259-2101
749	James	Melloh	Auburn	ME	04210-9100
750	Gary	Robert	San Francisco	CA	94107
751	Harold	Rivera	Yorktown	VA	23690-3900
752	Bill	Connor	Cupertino	CA	95014-3479
753	Virginia	Wolter	Toledo	OH	43615-4206
754	Jeffrey	Ross	Denver	CO	80211-3625
755	James	French	Seattle	WA	98103-3345
756	John	Holland	Barre	MA	01005-9568
757	Victoria	Trinko	Bloomer	WI	547243919
758	James	Klein	Corpus Christi	TX	78411-1709
759	Dale	Barnes	Santa Fe	NM	87508-1542
760	Kelly	Kawamoto	Culver City	CA	90230-4946
761	Brian	Baublitz	Cockeysville	MD	21030
762	Becky	Holdford	Garland	TX	75040
763	J	Prescott			20000
764	Benjamin	Smith	Seven Valleys	PA	17360-9397
765	Barry	Johnson	Clarkston	MI	48346-4344
766	William	Kellner	Ithaca	NY	14850-3133
767	Lynn	Fitz-Hugh	Seattle	WA	98125-5255
768	David	Moore	Elizabethport	NJ	07206-1885
769	Andrew	Stephenson	Baton Rouge	LA	70820
770	Carla	Utter	Olympia	WA	98502-9544
771	Eric	Reed	Oakland	CA	94609-2812
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773	Carole	Yandell	Coarsegold	CA	93614-9077
774	Casey	Schnaible	Medford	OR	97504-5531
775	Susan	Plubell	Clearfield	PA	16830-3347
776	V	Wang	Cary	NC	27519-9741
777	Thomas	Immel	Pinole	CA	94564-1627
778	Diarmad	Bash	Portland	OR	97225
779	Diana	Lee	Berkeley	CA	94705
780	Michelle	Bright	Astoria	OR	97103-5735
781	Masha				20000
782	Linda	Hayes	Minneapolis	MN	55430-3157
783	P	Robson		DC	20000

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786	Kerry	Johnson	Bellingham	WA	98225-6806
787	Terry	Frewin			20000
788	Robert		Middletown	CT	06457-1569
789	Chuck	MacLin	Gary	IN	46403-2009
790	C	Harvey	Chattanooga	TN	37411-4608
791	Diane	Delbridge	Mustang	OK	73064-9784
792	Jake				20000
793	Jan	Hillegas	Jackson	MS	39207-3234
794	REnee	Hoffinger	Gainesville	FL	32605-1643
795	Damian	Carrillo	Seattle	WA	98112-5396
796	Michael	Antosha			2088
797	Richard	Wood	Portland	OR	97217-5403
798	Betsy	Neaves	Santa Cruz	CA	95062-4040
799	Anthony	Ostertag	Raleigh	NC	27616-5821
800	Gavin	Kendall	Brooklyn	NY	11209-3703
801	Marina		Portland	OR	97203-4851
802	Elizabeth	Boatman	Bacliff	TX	77518-1901
803	Brad	S.	Osseo	MN	55369-9270
804			Seattle	WA	98133
805	Erick	Heroux	Portland	OR	97222
806	Ian	Price			2640
807	Joan	Stroh	Chula Vista	CA	91910-3806
808	Tom	Evans	Minneapolis	MN	55436-2472
809	Bryan	Killoren	St. Louis	MO	63116-2340
810	James	McGinley	Philadelphia	PA	19147-6202
811	Brad	Davis	Ranson	WV	25438-1005
812	Jos	Rivers			20000
813	Jesse	Campbell	Wellford	SC	29385-9307
814	Charles	Rutherford	Morganton	GA	30560-2683
815	Tom	Reimann	Fort Collins	CO	80525-2778
816	Sammantha	Partlow	Denver	CO	80218-2938
817	Lorraine	Moore	San Antonio	TX	78210-1127
818	Thomas	Pick	Los Angeles	CA	90018-1430
819	Jacques	Plessis	Beverly Hills	CA	90210
820	Lawrence	Mitchell	Andover	MA	01810-5827
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822	Michael	Rulon	Carrboro	NC	27510
823	Susan	Jacobs	Santa Cruz	CA	95062-1116
824	Fai	B	Whittier	CA	90602-2018
825	Brian	Fink	Philadelphia	PA	19130-3969
826	Brian	Flaherty	Shoreline	WA	98133
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829	Natasha	Breckenridge	Morristown	TN	37814-5435
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837	Marilyn	Vibrans	Mesa	AZ	85202-3384
838	Courtenay	Gatz	Bellingham	WA	98225
839	Gavin	Gamboa	Sherman Oaks	CA	91423-2216
840	Laurel	Russwurm	Canada	CA	90210
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842	Tami	Fosmark	Issaquah	WA	98027-6907
843	Gerald	Lysne	Encinitas	CA	92024
844	Kathleen	Keske	Brooklyn	NY	11215-1141
845	Mana-Jean	Wagnon	Alameda	CA	94501-3006
846	Nicholas	Remelman	Fremont	CA	94538-3247
847	Cazre	Thomas	Baltimore	MD	21229-2839
848	Kathryn	Morris	Aurora	CO	80015
849	Cheryl	Fisher	Portland	OR	97222-6141
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852	Julia	Powers	Evans	CO	20000
853	Richard	Engle	Urbana	OH	43078-1222
854	Indira	Smith	West Hollywood	CA	90069-3901
855	Marvin	Lewis	Philadelphia	PA	19136-1107
856	_fony	bolo	Valley Village	CA	91607-2449
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858	Cindy	Ritchie	Long Beach	CA	90807-3020
859	B	Diener	Albuquerque	NM	87123-3089
860	matt	okeefe	Boylston	MA	01505-1204
861	Joe	C	Collegeville	PA	19426
862	Edward	-			
863	Dan				20000
864	Roger	Bove	West Chester	PA	19380-4614
865	Jerome	BATON			20000
866	Carl	Smith	Port Angeles	WA	98363
867	Silvester	Mars	Washington	DC	20500
868	Laurel		Phoenix	AZ	85027
869	Jono				1050
870	Dan	Greenburg	Hastings on Huds	NY	10706-1061
871	Sara	Ogden	Hohenwald	TN	38462-5305
872	Kim	Bird	Round Rock	TX	78664
873	David		Reading	PA	19610-1413
874	JoAnne	Doeschate	Stony Brook	NY	11790
875	Andrew		Bunker Hill	WV	25413-2906
876	Julie	Blom	Bloomfield Hills	MI	48302-2202
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878	Janice	Hallman	Saint Paul	MN	55110-5806
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880	Frankie	DeMarco	New York	NY	10014-7251
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887	Kevin	Van Der Merwe	Salt Lake City	UT	84115-1715
888	Stephan	Loubere	Chicago	IL	60626-3458
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890	Ethan	Zimmerman	Loveland	OH	45140-1880
891	Jennifer	Gitschier	Plainville	MA	02762-1712
892	Mark	Hamilton	Griffith	IN	46319-1104
893	Marcus	Palfour			20000
894	Scott	Degraffenreid	Irving	TX	75063-5519
895	Stephen	Sarasin	South Bend	IN	46637
896	Sue	Whitehead	Spartanburg	SC	29303-3184
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899	Kenneth	Nash	New Baltimore	MI	48047-2149
900	Julie	Thacker	Fayetteville	AR	72701-1876
901	Zackary	Bennett	Queen Creek	AZ	85142
902	Chantal	Salomon-Lee	New York	NY	10009-6315
903	Sarah	Reid	Ithaca	NY	14850-2501
904	Evi	K	Lahti	PA	15870
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913	Robert	Magarian	Berkeley	CA	94703-1734
914	Larry	Gohn	Rochester	NY	14609-2615
915	Gary	Beaumier	Grafton	WI	53024
916	lynda	leigh	Santa Cruz	CA	95062-5533
917	Lee	Nowell	Decatur	GA	30030-3818
918	Brianna		portland	OR	97215-1164
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936	Terry	Andrews	Palos Verdes Peni	CA	90274
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943	John	Dorsett	Bellaire	TX	77401
944	Jim	Zubler	Spring Mills	PA	16875-0242
945	David	Roach	Richmond heights	MO	63117-2128
946	Matthew	Leader	Denver	CO	80247
947	Kathleen	Miller	Grand Rapids	MI	49503-1598
948	Aurora	Marquez	Santa Barbara	CA	93101-4530
949	LeeAnn	Thompson	Lake Oswego	OR	97034-2855
950	Wendy	Schroeder	Denver	CO	80218-1604
951	Paul	Hetchler	Minneapolis	MN	55446-1136
952	Chuck	Gaulke	Hartland	WI	53029-9057
953	Michael	Aloisi	Rustburg	VA	24588-3656
954	Judith	Fordham	Coburn	PA	16832
955	Klym	Grygoryev	Roseville	CA	95747-6568
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957	Gail	Massey	Longmont	CO	80501-5828
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966	Anne	Emerson	Canterbury	NH	3224
967	Ellen	Henry	Pittsford	NY	14534-3303
968	angela	Aloisi	Rustburg	VA	24588-3656
969	Vic	Burton	Kansas City	MO	64113-2127
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973	Paul	Torek	Ann Arbor	MI	48103-5049
974	Carolyn	White	Sonora	CA	95370
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976	Tara		Long Beach	CA	90803
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983	Ken	Weingard	Evanston	IL	60201-3754
984	Guy	Hamman	Bolinas	CA	94924
985	Debra	Magdalene	Heber City	UT	84032-1450
986	Michael	Manwaring	Pleasant Grove	UT	84062
987	Larry	Sarchin	Mercer Island	WA	98040-0209
988	Catherine	Muller	Sequim	WA	98382
989	Brad	Ashforth	Snohomish	WA	98290-5648
990	Matthew	Thomas	Mc Kenzie	TN	38201-7673
991	Pedro	Jimenez	Flushing	NY	11358
992	Brendan	Tait		DC	20000
993	Dale	Choate	Reno	NV	89508-5046
994	Peter	Banner	-	CA	90210
995	Sierra	Emrich	Lexington	KY	40515
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998	Sharon	Chadwick	Washington	DC	20008
999	Jeremy	Bourget	Rumford	RI	02916-1214
1000	Frank	Wissler	Spring Branch	TX	78070-3709
1001	Mark	Canright	Asbury	NJ	08802-2106
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1003	Arthur	Alenik	Capistrano Beach	CA	92624-1004
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1005	Nate	Kennison	Pinellas Park	FL	33781-4346
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1007	Paul	Werstein	Colorado Springs	CO	80903
1008	Georgeanne	Hyatt	Gloucester	MA	01930-3509
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1016	steve	Chapman	Scotland	MD	20687
1017	Mike	Wallace	O Fallon	MO	63366-1948
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1025	Zipporah	Collins	Berkeley	CA	94707
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1033	John	Woods	Garland	TX	75044-6657
1034	susan	Rankin	Springfield	OR	97477-4718
1035	Raghibir	Bajwa	Porterville	CA	93257-1150
1036	Dustin	Mingo	Key Largo	FL	33037-3106
1037	Amy	Rosenhaus	Alameda	CA	94501-4416
1038	Nikola	MiladinoviÄ±	Milwaukee	WI	53207-3509
1039	Aidan	Carroll	Seattle	WA	98103-5906
1040	Anthony	Morton	Northfield	NJ	08225-1730
1041	Gary	McClellan	Egg Harbor Town	NJ	8234
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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**-against-**

**Case No. 12 Cr. 185 (LAP)**

**JEREMY HAMMOND,**

**Defendant.**

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**EXHIBIT I  
EMAIL FROM "hyrriiya"**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject: Re: Pertaining Jeremy Hammond case**  
**Date:** May 7, 2012 12:09:00 PM EDT  
**To:** Sarah Kunstler [REDACTED]

Thank you for the prompt reply.

This is the e-mail I wrote for whomever is the lawyer of Jeremy Hammond, in this case I think Elizabeth Fink is so please forward this to her as it pertains to exculpatory evidence on Jeremy's case.

I will listen to this email address I'm writing from for the next 7 days, so I am available to answer questions in this time period.

take care.

PS: dear FBI/NSA/SS agent reading this, good luck finding me. it's early morning in this timezone.....

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Dear Ms. Elizabeth Fink:

I am a hacker that had extensive interaction with both Sabu and Hammond in relation to the Stratfor hack. At all relevant times to the Stratfor hack and my relations with those two men, my online "handle" was "hyrriya." I believe that I have some important information that may shed exculpatory light on the federal allegations that your client was the one who found, perpetrated and fully exploited the hack on Stratfor.

Prior to my interactions with your client, I was involved in multiple Anonymous "operations" to assist freedom fighters and protesters engaged in the Arab Spring uprisings.

In mid-to-late 2011, I read an article from Stratfor concerning Anonymous and Mexican drug cartels. Upon reading it, it became clear to me that Stratfor must have people inside Anonymous who serve as informants to the firm. After this realization, I became deeply interested in compromising Stratfor's systems and communications in order to identify possible Anonymous informants and expose them to the rest of the movement.

By sheer accident, on or about November 7, 2011, I compromised two of Stratfor's database services due to them simply not having passwords to protect administrative access. This simple mistake on their part allowed me access to all

of Stratfor's systems and client information. (It would be worth looking into industry standards for security, as I firmly believe Stratfor failed to meet a few of them and thus bears some onus for the compromise of sensitive customer data.)

This initial hack of Stratfor occurred approximately TWO week BEFORE anyone involved in #antiseC (including Sabu and Hammond) had ANY knowledge or involvement in Stratfor. After reviewing the data I was able to access in Stratfor, I realised that the customer details included all pertinent credit card information for both individuals and a multitude of corporate entities, military institutions and espionage agencies. Upon this realisation, I promptly decided that I wanted this information to be public, so as to deliver a big "f\*\*\* you" to them.

At the same time, I knew that I also wanted to befriend Sabu and the #AntiseC participants so that I could infiltrate them and identify who they are. With this goal in mind, first I contacted Sabu and discussed the details of the hack in Private Message (PM) on [irc.cryto.net](http://irc.cryto.net). After I spoke with Sabu and he offered that it would be best if Stratfor was an #AntiseC hack, I joined the private IRC #AntiseC channel (called #antiseC on [irc.cryto.net](http://irc.cryto.net)) and started to drop bits of Stratfor customer data. As I hoped, I grabbed their attention immediately by dropping credit card information directly from the Stratfor database about military intelligence agencies, as well as other previous targets of #AntiseC and Lulzsec. This occurred on or about NOVEMBER 15-21, 2011.

Sabu, who we now know was an FBI informant and whose computer was under constant federal surveillance, seemed extremely impressed by the information that I had obtained from Stratfor. Accordingly, I saw my goal of getting closer to him as becoming accomplished. As such, I gave Sabu and other #AntiseC participants full information on how to access Stratfor servers and information by posting it on their main IRC channel (#antiseC). To my observation and knowledge, it seemed that Sabu took a leadership role once the information was posted, making other special, private channels and directing certain individuals in #AntiseC (including your client Hammond) to take my work and develop it further, including accessing and copying Stratfor's mail spools and leaking client data.

Unfortunately, due to good operation security procedures (we call it "opsec"), personally I do not maintain any records or logs from IRC, and as such, I cannot provide you with hard evidence to back up what I am disclosing to you. HOWEVER, as it has been repeatedly disclosed by the FBI itself that since Sabu's arrest, he had surveillance and monitoring equipment on his laptop recording ALL of his communications, it stands to reason that all of what I said above MUST be a part of the evidence that the FBI currently have.

As this evidence would be exculpatory to your client (demonstrating that he did not do the substantive hack of Stratfor as charged), I know that you should be



able to request it from the prosecuting AUSA during the Discovery phase of your client's trial. I would advise you to request all logs of the #antisecc main channel on [irc.cryto.net](http://irc.cryto.net) (Sabu was ALWAYS in it, so he logged most of the channel's entire communications). I would say the relevant time period to request said logs would be between November 07, 2011 - March 5, 2012 (or whenever Sabu stopped logging after being outed as an informant). I also spoke with Sabu at length in Private Message on [irc.cryto.net](http://irc.cryto.net), and as such, the FBI should have complete logs of my PMs with Sabu regarding the Stratfor hack as well.

Again, I firmly believe that this information will constitute exculpatory evidence and the AUSA has no right to withhold it from the defence. I believe that these facts can and will alleviate some blame from the defendant hence why I am contacting you.

Moreover, I would point you to a close and thorough examination of the timeline of the alleged Stratfor hack and the later information dumps from #Antisecc. If Sabu knew of the hack when I disclosed it to him, and if Sabu knew (which he did as the logs will show) that #Antisecc was going to dump multiple loads of sensitive customer data in its "LulzXmas" releases since he was the main organizer of this event, then as Sabu's machine was logged by the FBI, it can be STRONGLY implied that the FBI knew of all of this as well. The question then arises, to what degree of fault does the FBI have in allowed the CONTINUING hack of Stratfor, theft of customer information, copying of personal email spools, and dumping of such information to the public. From the very DAY that I disclosed the Stratfor hack to Sabu, the FBI would have had knowledge of it from their logging of Sabu's computer (they maintain in news stories that they had a very close working relationship with the informant and that he reported vulns and hacks received on a daily basis). This means the FBI allowed the entirety of the Stratfor hack to go forward, under its oversight.

In conclusion, I am stating and admitting, AS FACT, that I was the person who hacked Stratfor and who subsequently provided the details and access to Sabu through both private PMs with him and in the #Antisecc main channel on [irc.cryto.net](http://irc.cryto.net). Your client only later worked on Stratfor per request and direction of Sabu and only after I had accessed all relevant sensitive client information and databases.

Please tell Mr. Hammond that he is a true friend and that I have great joy in having met him. He is a kind, friendly, caring person who is passionate for creating the change he knows that we need in this world. I have nothing but the utmost respect for him, and I am extremely saddened to see the prosecuting AUSA trying to slam him with harsh charges that carry strict sentences, in an effort to make an example of him to other Anons.

It is a great shame that he was betrayed by Sabu in such an under-handed manner, and I wish to do what I can to point you in the correct direction to try to remedy anything you can of this situation.

Best wishes,

hyrriya

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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**EXHIBIT H ADDITIONAL RELEVANT CONDUCT**

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November 1, 2013

The Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Re: United States v. Jeremy Hammond  
12 Cr. 185 (LAP)

Dear Judge Preska

Please accept this letter as an addendum to our sentencing submission on behalf of Mr. Jeremy Hammond.

We have devoted a large portion of our main submission to Mr. Hammond's motivations and other relevant Section 3553(a) factors. In the course of reviewing the discovery in this case, it has become clear that the Stratfor hack and the relevant conduct to which Mr. Hammond pled guilty are only part of the story, and that there are additional hacks and conduct by Mr. Hammond that are appropriate for the Court's consideration under 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) as they are part of the nature and circumstances of the offense and they provide the contextual framework for the Court's overall consideration of Mr. Hammond's intentions and motivation.<sup>1</sup>

Following the Stratfor hack, [REDACTED]

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<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Since much of the substance contained in this submission is arguably within the limitations set by the Protective Order in place, in an excess of caution, we are filing a redacted version on ECF, but will provide Chambers and government counsel with this unredacted submission.

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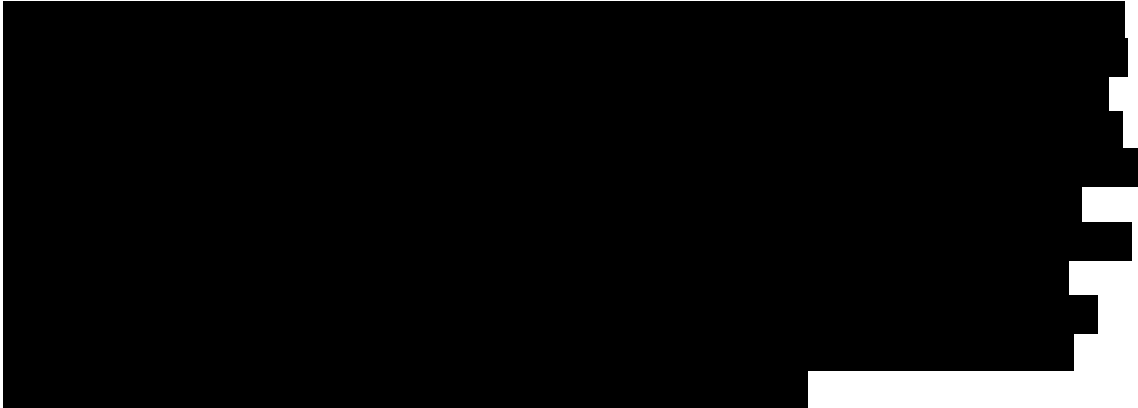
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The Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
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We have attached, for the Court's review, a summary of the discovery materials that relate to this activity, as well as the bate stamped pages of discovery that corresponds to this summary.

Thank you for your kind consideration of these materials.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan G. Kellman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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November 7, 2013

**BY ECF**

The Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
United States District Court  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Re: United States v. Jeremy Hammond  
12 Cr. 185 (LAP)

Dear Judge Preska:

Enclosed, please find a letter of support for Jeremy Hammond from the Electronic Frontier Foundation. This letter arrived too late to be included in the appendix of exhibits that accompanied our sentencing submission.

Thank you for your kind attention to this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan G. Kellman", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Susan G. Kellman  
Sarah Kunstler  
Attorneys for Jeremy Hammond

cc: Rosemary Nidiry, Thomas Brown  
Asst. United States Attys

Jeremy Hammond



**ELECTRONIC FRONTIER FOUNDATION**

Protecting Rights and Promoting Freedom on the Electronic Frontier

November 6, 2013

Honorable Loretta A. Preska  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Preska,

The Electronic Frontier Foundation (“EFF”) respectfully submits this letter in support of Jeremy Hammond, asking this Court to grant him leniency and sentence him to a prison term far shorter than the ten-year maximum sought by the government.

The EFF is a non-profit, member-supported civil liberties organization working to protect free speech and privacy rights in the online world. With more than 21,000 dues-paying members, EFF represents the interests of technology users in both court cases and in broader policy debates surrounding the application of law in the digital age. EFF is particularly interested in ensuring the proper application of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (“CFAA”), as well as maintaining constitutional protections for criminal defendants. Toward this end, EFF has filed amicus briefs in cases involving the CFAA such as *United States v. Nosal*, 676 F.3d 854 (9th Cir. 2012) (en banc), *United States v. Cioni*, 649 F.3d 276 (4th Cir. 2011) and *United States v. Drew*, 259 F.R.D. 449 (C.D. Cal. 2009).

EFF is aware that this Court has received a large number of letters on Mr. Hammond’s behalf asking for leniency, explaining that his actions were not done out of malice or intent to gain financially, but with an eye towards revealing uncomfortable truths about the private intelligence industry. This is a crucial fact to keep in mind when the Court decides upon a sentence to impose upon Mr. Hammond because the CFAA provides no flexibility for distinguishing between politically motivated behavior – which can benefit the public good, as is the case here – and conduct solely motivated by financial gain at the expense of others. That is not to say that all politically motivated conduct committed in violation of the CFAA is legal, but rather that in imposing punishment, this Court should take Hammond’s motivations into account even if the CFAA and the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines do not.

Indeed, the Second Circuit has explained, “a district court may vary from the Guidelines range based solely on a policy disagreement with the Guidelines.” *United States v. Cavera*, 550 F.3d 180, 191 (2d Cir. 2008) (citing *Kimbrough v. United States*, 552 U.S. 85, 108 (2007)). That is especially true when the Guidelines fail to take into account “national experience” on how crime is punished. *Kimbrough*, 552 U.S. at 109.

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“National experience” has shown that the CFAA punishes online behavior and computer crime far more harshly than the equivalent crime in the physical world. While this is not Mr. Hammond’s first criminal conviction, if considered a first offender in criminal history category I, he would be facing a sentencing range between 108 and 120 months under his plea agreement, highlighting just how disproportionately the Guidelines treat computer crimes.

The Guidelines include specific upward adjustments that are more likely to apply in cases involving computers, which increase the punishment in CFAA cases disproportionately. For example, Mr. Hammond will receive a two level upward adjustment for using sophisticated means under U.S.S.G. § 2B1.1(b)(10)(C) because of his computer skills. He will receive another two level upward adjustment for intending to obtain personal information under U.S.S.G. § 2B1.1(b)(16), which is reserved specifically for CFAA convictions and excluded from wire fraud, identity theft and any other crime covered under U.S.S.G. § 2B1.1. These adjustments add more than three years onto the low end of the advisory sentencing range.

The end result is that the potential 120-month prison sentence Mr. Hammond faces is closer to recent sentences handed down in the Southern District of New York involving more traditional fraud schemes, which have larger losses and were motivated by the defendant’s desire for personal financial gain. A defendant recently convicted in this District of Medicare fraud involving a \$100 million loss was sentenced to 125 months in August.<sup>1</sup> Another defendant convicted of commodities fraud involving a \$5 million loss was sentenced in September to a 30-month prison term.<sup>2</sup> Sentencing Mr. Hammond, whose conviction involved a smaller loss and no personal financial gain, to anything approaching the ten-year maximum would dramatically highlight the enormous sentencing between computer and physical world crimes, especially considering the politically motivated character of his crimes.

While every criminal case is unique and every defendant must be judged on the basis of their own offense and personal characteristics, this Court must heed 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(6)’s command “to avoid unwarranted sentence disparities among defendants with similar records who have been found guilty of similar conduct.” Yet, a ten-year prison sentence will lead to unwarranted sentencing disparity not only, as explained

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<sup>1</sup> “High-Ranking Member Of Enterprise Involved In Massive Medicare Fraud Sentenced In Manhattan Federal Court To 125 Months In Prison,” U.S. Attorney’s Office, Southern District of New York Press Office, August 13, 2013, available at <http://www.justice.gov/usao/nys/pressreleases/August13/TerdjanianRobertSentencingPR.php>.

<sup>2</sup> “Former Fund Manager Sentenced In Manhattan Federal Court To 30 Months In Prison In Connection With Multimillion-Dollar Commodities Fraud Scheme,” U.S. Attorney’s Office, Southern District of New York Press Office, September 26, 2013, available at <http://www.justice.gov/usao/nys/pressreleases/September13/HamptonSentencingPR.php>.

above, with defendants in this District convicted of traditional, physical world frauds, but also lead to disparity compared to the other co-defendants in this case that have already been punished abroad for their actions.

The four remaining co-defendants have all been convicted and sentenced in Great Britain for the conduct at issue here, but received sentences far shorter than the 120-month sentence Mr. Hammond risks. Ryan Cleary received the longest sentence: 32 months in custody. Ryan Ackroyd received a 30-month sentence; Jake Davis a 24-month sentence and Mustafa Al-Bassam, a 20-month sentence that was suspended for 2 years provided he completed 200 hours of community service.<sup>3</sup> While American prison sentences are routinely higher than those in other countries in many contexts, there is an especially acute concern around the harsh penalties of the CFAA, which in at least one instance was cited as a reason to halt the extradition of a defendant from Europe to the Southern District of New York to face CFAA charges.<sup>4</sup> Indeed, Mr. Hammond's four co-defendants in Britain were sentenced to less time *combined* than the potential 120-month sentence Mr. Hammond risks.

Hopefully, this Court can appreciate the unique challenges the CFAA poses to 21st century protest action. Mr. Hammond's sentence should take into account the CFAA's excessive penalty scheme compared to traditional, non-politically motivated crime, as well as the way Mr. Hammond's co-defendants have been punished abroad. We hope that the Court will yield its sentencing power and discretion by imposing a lenient sentence on Mr. Hammond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hanni M. Fakhoury', with a stylized, cursive flourish at the end.

Hanni M. Fakhoury, Esq.  
Staff Attorney

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<sup>3</sup> “A gang of hackers has been sentenced following a string of high-profile attacks,” London Metropolitan Police, News and Appeals, May 16, 2013, available at <http://content.met.police.uk/News/A-gang-of-hackers-has-been-sentenced-following-a-string-of-highprofile-attacks/1400017318333/1257246741786>.

<sup>4</sup> Cyrus Farivar, “Alleged creator of Gozi virus suddenly released from Latvian jail,” *Ars Technica*, October 10, 2013, available at <http://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2013/10/alleged-creator-of-gozi-virus-suddenly-released-from-latvian-jail/>; see *United States v. Calovskis*, 1:12-cr-00487-KMW-1 (S.D.N.Y. 2012).

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

- v. -

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a/k/a “Anarchaos,”

a/k/a “sup\_g,”

a/k/a “burn,”

a/k/a “yohoho,”

a/k/a “POW,”

a/k/a “tylerknowsthis,”

a/k/a “crediblethreat,”

a/k/a “ghost,” and

a/k/a “anarchacker,”

**Defendant.**

**S2 12 Cr. 185 (LAP)**

**GOVERNMENT’S MEMORANDUM OF LAW  
WITH RESPECT TO SENTENCING**

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- v. -

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a/k/a “tylerknowsthis,”  
a/k/a “crediblethreat,”  
a/k/a “ghost,” and  
a/k/a “anarchacker,”

Defendant.

The Government respectfully submits this memorandum in advance of the sentencing of Jeremy Hammond (“Hammond” or the “defendant”), which is scheduled for November 15, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. In his plea agreement with the Government (the “Plea Agreement”), Hammond has stipulated that the applicable United States Sentencing Guidelines (“Guidelines” or “U.S.S.G.”) range would be 151 to 188 months’ imprisonment but, in light of the statutory maximum of the offense of conviction, that his Guidelines sentence is 120 months’ imprisonment. In its Presentence Investigation Report (“PSR”), the United States Probation Office (“Probation Office”), consistent with the Plea Agreement, recommends a sentence of 120 months.

Contrary to the picture he paints of himself in his sentencing submission, Hammond is a computer hacking recidivist who, following a federal conviction for computer hacking, went on to engage in a massive hacking spree during which he caused harm to numerous businesses,



individuals, and governments, resulting in losses of between \$1 million and \$2.5 million, and threatened the safety of the public at large, especially law enforcement officers and their families.

For the reasons set forth below, given the nature and circumstances of Hammond's outrageous and widespread cyber attacks, his history and characteristics, including the fact that he committed the instant offense conduct after having been previously convicted of closely similar criminal hacking, and the need to promote respect for the law and ensure just punishment, the Government submits that a stipulated Guidelines sentence of 120 months is entirely appropriate in this case.

## **BACKGROUND**

### **I. Hammond's Offense Conduct**

Hammond was a prolific and technically skilled hacker who launched cyber attacks against scores of governmental institutions, law enforcement organizations, and businesses during a nearly year-long rampage. Hammond's aim was to break into victims' computer systems, steal data, deface websites, destroy files and dump online the sensitive personal and financial information of thousands of individuals – all with the object of creating, in Hammond's own words, maximum "mayhem." (*See, e.g.*, Bates # 63161-62, 63172.) Between June 2011 and March 2012, when he was identified and arrested, Hammond attacked computer networks belonging to victims around the world. Evidence of Hammond's hacking spree came from online chats recorded by a cooperating witness (the "CW"), in which Hammond described his computer attacks; from victims; and from Hammond's laptop, which he was using at the moment

of his arrest to hack into at least one victim's computer network and which contained a trove of electronic files that not only corroborated several of the hacks he described to his co-conspirators and the CW, but also revealed that Hammond had engaged in many more attacks than previously known.

**A. The Arizona Department of Public Safety Hack<sup>1</sup>**

In June 2011—just weeks after Hammond's term of supervised release had ended on May 20, 2011, following his two-year term of imprisonment for a conviction on a federal computer hacking charge (PSR ¶¶ 60-63) – Hammond contacted the CW, who was a member of the Anonymous-affiliated hacking group LulzSec. In the preceding months, members of LulzSec had hacked into the computer systems of a number of governmental and business organizations around the world and had publicly dumped online stolen data in a series of high-profile “press releases,” generating significant press attention. In subsequent conversations with the CW, Hammond said that he had stolen a large number of confidential law enforcement documents from the Arizona Department of Public Safety (“AZDPS”), including training manuals, private emails, and other sensitive data; provided samples of these documents; and sought LulzSec's assistance in publicly releasing the full set of stolen data in a similarly high profile manner.<sup>2</sup> (Bates # 78130-64.) Hammond told the CW that “black hats [criminal hackers]

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<sup>1</sup> In the Plea Agreement, Hammond admitted the Arizona Department of Public Safety hack as relevant conduct to be considered at the time of his sentencing. (Plea Agreement at 1.)

<sup>2</sup> Upon learning that AZDPS's computer systems had been compromised, the FBI immediately notified AZDPS, as it did each time it received notice that Hammond or his co-conspirators had compromised an entity's computer systems.

need to unite especially going against police and the government,”<sup>3</sup> that he had a “three punch knockout plan” to dump the information on the Internet, and that he would write at least the first press release. (Bates # 78162, 78185, 78218, 78240.)

On June 23, 2011, members of LulzSec, including Mustafa al Bassam, a/k/a “Tflow” and Jake Davis, a/k/a “Topiary,” publicized “Chinga La Migra [Fuck the Border Police] Bulletin #1,” LulzSec’s public release of numerous sensitive law enforcement documents that Hammond had stolen from AZDPS computer servers, along with the personal details of Arizona law enforcement officers – and their spouses – including names, email accounts and passwords, home addresses, cell phone numbers, and home phone numbers. (*See, e.g.*, Bates # 78197, 78199, 78213-14, 78246-47.) Over the next two weeks, “Operation Anti-Security” or “AntiSec,” a new Anonymous-affiliated group that succeeded LulzSec, completed Hammond’s “three punch knockout plan” by releasing “Chinga La Migra II” and “Chinga La Migra III,” each of which contained additional sensitive Arizona law enforcement data and law enforcement officers’ personal information, including information stolen from computer systems used by the Arizona Fraternal Order of Police.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> The text of the chats is reproduced here as it appears in the chat logs; errors in spelling and punctuation have not been corrected.

<sup>4</sup> Indeed, the following note was found on Hammond’s laptop: “[the Arizona Fraternal Order of Police’s website] <-- we already owned 6 months ago but we can own again for lulz.” Significantly, at least one core member of LulzSec was profoundly disturbed by the invasiveness and purposelessness of Hammond’s attack on AZDPS and online dump of confidential and sensitive law enforcement data and personal information about police officers and their families. In an interview with the BBC in May 2013 following his conviction and sentence in the United Kingdom on charges related to his LulzSec activities, Jake Davis confessed that the “Chinga La Migra” data dump on June 23, 2011 was a “turning point” for him: “I thought this hack [of

**B. The Stratfor, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association, New York State Association of Chiefs of Police and Special Forces Gear Hacks<sup>5</sup>**

In December 2011, Hammond took over, organized and led a cyber attack against Strategic Forecasting, Inc. (“Stratfor”), a private intelligence firm based in Texas. During the course of that attack, Hammond (1) stole at least 200 gigabytes<sup>6</sup> of confidential information from Stratfor’s computer systems, including the content of Stratfor employees’ emails, account information relating to approximately 860,000 Stratfor clients, approximately 60,000 credit cards numbers belonging to Stratfor clients, and internal Stratfor corporate documents, including company financial data; (2) caused that information to be publicly disclosed; (3) defaced the Stratfor website; and (4) deleted all of the data on Stratfor’s computer servers, effectively destroying the company. (PSR ¶ 15.) Hammond’s criminal associates made at least \$700,000 worth of unauthorized charges using the credit card information stolen and distributed by Hammond. (PSR ¶ 28.)

Hammond first learned about Stratfor from the CW on December 5, 2011. The CW told Hammond that another hacker, who used the online alias “hyrriiya,” had said he had hacked the

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AZDPS] has gone way too far – there’s no point to this thing. It’s just harming police officers . . . This doesn’t entertain anybody or help anybody anywhere.” *See* <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-22526021>.

<sup>5</sup> As described *infra*, Hammond pleaded guilty before Your Honor to the Stratfor hack. In the Plea Agreement, Hammond also admitted to the Special Forces Gear hack (among others) and agreed that it could be considered as relevant conduct at the time of his sentencing. (Plea Agreement at 2.) He did not admit the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association or New York State Association of Chiefs of Police hacks at his guilty plea.

<sup>6</sup> A gigabyte is a measure of data storage equivalent to approximately 675,000 pages of text.

company.<sup>7</sup> (Bates # 63691, 67014.) After further examination, Hammond determined that “hyrriiya” had gained only limited access to Stratfor’s servers and not enough to exercise control over Stratfor’s computer network.<sup>8</sup> (Bates # 67014 (“It looks like he needs help breaking into their servers.”).) After telling the CW, “I want to sink my teeth into this stratfor.com target” (Bates # 67015), Hammond quickly took over the job of hacking Stratfor. Nine days later, on December 14, 2011, Hammond announced to a co-conspirator that he had “rooted,” *i.e.*, gained complete access to, Stratfor’s computer network:

[Hammond]           we in business baby  
 <@uid0>               w00t?  
 [Hammond]           oh yes  
 [Hammond]           time to feast upon their spools [email archives]  
 <@uid0>               stratfor?  
 [Hammond]           oh yes  
 [Hammond]           after yall left yesterday I spent another eight hours  
 [Hammond]           and rooted that mofo  
 <@uid0>               They’re so done now . . .  
 [Hammond]           Yeah it’s over with

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<sup>7</sup> The FBI immediately notified Stratfor upon learning in early December that Stratfor’s computer systems had been compromised. The FBI continued to provide updates to Stratfor as it learned more about Hammond’s continued attack against that company.

<sup>8</sup> Indeed “hyrriiya” admitted as much in a conversation with Hammond:

[Hammond]           and then we have nothing for core.stratfor.com  
                           yet right?  
 <@hyrriiya>           we have that mysql [a database] and that is it

(Bates # 60801.)

(Bates # 63167.)

In further online conversations with his criminal associates, Hammond assumed leadership of how the hack would be exploited. For example, in a chat on December 19, 2011, Hammond admonished his co-conspirators that while they should make as many unauthorized charges to the stolen Stratfor subscribers' credit cards as possible to create "financial mayhem," deleting data and dumping sensitive stolen information on the Internet were just as important:

- [Hammond] those ccs [credit cards] and financial mayhem is definitely the most lulzy and newsworthy element of this attack
- [Hammond] and also goes with the lulzmas theme of stealing from rich and giving to poor
- [Hammond] an equally important part is destroying their servers and dumping their user/address list and private emails
- [Hammond] with the goal of destroying the target
- [Hammond] I'm hoping bankruptcy, collapse

(Bates # 63172.)

Hammond also took charge of how the destruction of Stratfor and the public disclosure of the data he had stolen would be publicized for maximum impact. Among other things,

Hammond:

- created the code that defaced Stratfor's website prior to the deletion of all of the data on Stratfor's computer network (Bates # 63197-98, 63202);
- arranged for "teasers" of limited amounts of stolen data – principally Stratfor subscribers' personal information and credit card numbers – to be published online to generate interest in the main dump of information that Hammond had planned (Bates # 63164, 63191);

- drafted “press releases” to go along with each disclosure (Bates # 63166, 63192, 63194);
- directed his co-conspirators to examine the stolen Stratfor material for information about famous or noteworthy Stratfor subscribers that could be singled out for public ridicule (Bates # 63215); and
- came up with the idea of sending spam emails to thousands of Stratfor subscribers purporting to come from a Stratfor executive and attaching a document (a “zine”) that not only documented the Stratfor hack, but also contained sensitive information, including data on thousands of emails and credit cards, that Hammond had stolen as a result of cyber attacks on the websites and computer systems of three other law enforcement targets: the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association; the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police; and Special Forces Gear, a company which sold equipment to military and law enforcement personnel.<sup>9</sup> The document also included a claim that more than \$500,000 in unauthorized charges had been made to credit cards stolen through the hacking activity. (Bates # 63166, 63170, 63202-03, 63271, 77637 *et seq.*)

On December 24, 2011, after causing his co-conspirators to hype the event on Twitter (Bates # 63205 (“Can we get them twitters going, hypin people up?”)), Hammond defaced Stratfor’s website and, minutes later, deleted all of the data on its computer servers – knocking Stratfor offline for the next six weeks. (Bates # 63197-99, 63205-09.) Unsurprisingly, given

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<sup>9</sup> In a chat with a co-conspirator on December 13, 2011, Hammond had boasted of hacking into Special Forces Gear’s website and stealing emails and customers’ credit card numbers and discussed the impact of including that stolen data in the “zine,” particularly because it contained personal information relating to a federal law enforcement agent:

[Hammond]	I re-owned and rooted their server
[Hammond]	and grabbed the encryption keys back again . . . as well as their massive mail spools
<~elChe>	lol
[Hammond]	dropping the CCs [credit cards] will only enhance the mayhem
[Hammond]	especially cause we got an FBI home address + card

(Bates # 63162.)



Hammond's efforts to publicize the hack, reaction in the press and online was immediate. When a Stratfor subscriber expressed outrage on a social media site, Hammond located among the Stratfor data he had stolen the subscriber's personal information, including the subscriber's credit card data, email address and home address; pasted it in a chat channel visible to his co-conspirators; noted that the credit card information was still good; and directed his co-conspirators to make fraudulent charges against it. (Bates # 63229-31 ("Yall can go ahead and ride on him.")) Finally, on December 29, after having published several teasers of stolen data, Hammond dumped online account information relating to approximately 860,000 Stratfor subscribers, as well as approximately 60,000 credit cards numbers belonging to Stratfor clients. On January 6, 2012, Hammond caused the spam email attaching the zine noted above to be sent to Stratfor clients, whose information, including email accounts, he had compromised.

**C. Hammond's Other Online Attacks**

Hammond's recorded online chats with the CW, evidence recovered from his laptop at the time of his arrest, and his admissions in the Plea Agreement show that Hammond has engaged in many more attempted and successful online attacks. In his Plea Agreement, Hammond admitted that, in addition to the AZDPS and the Special Forces Gear hacks noted above, in 2011 and 2012 he also attacked, stole and disseminated confidential information from websites and computer networks used by the following victims:

- the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Virtual Academy;
- Brooks-Jeffrey Marketing, Inc. ("BJM"), which maintained various law enforcement-related websites;
- Vanguard Defense Industries ("Vanguard");

- the Jefferson County, Alabama Sheriff's Office;
- the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association ("BPPA"); and
- Combined Systems, Inc.

(PSR ¶¶ 30-37.)

In addition to the foregoing, in recorded chats with the CW, Hammond bragged about attacks against the computer systems and websites of over 30 businesses, governments, and law enforcement organizations, including, among others, the Syracuse Police Department; the town of Gates, New York; "OnGuardOnline.gov," a federal website designed to promote safe, secure and responsible use of the Internet; the Lake County, Florida Sheriff's Office; and the Boston Police Department.

Hammond's laptop, which was seized at the time of his arrest while he was chatting online with the CW, also contained a wealth of evidence relating to his criminal hacking activities. Among other things, Hammond's laptop contained files that documented attacks on computer systems belonging to scores of entities, including successful cyber attacks against:

- the Federal Trade Commission and its website, as well as at least two other related consumer protection websites operated by the federal government;
- the New York Police Department's Equipment Section, including the theft of a database containing the names, home addresses, email accounts and credit card information of at least hundreds of customers of its website;
- Southern Police Equipment Supply, including its website;
- the Austin Police Retirement System, including the theft of a database containing the names, email addresses, passwords, dates of birth, and associated account numbers of at least hundreds of retired police officers; and
- Panda Security and its website, including the theft of email addresses and passwords of hundreds of Panda Security employees and users.

Indeed, an examination of Hammond's laptop revealed open terminal panels which showed that Hammond was logged into Panda Security's computer network at the very moment he was arrested.<sup>10</sup> Other open files on Hammond's desktop included, for example, .pdfs of tax returns belonging to innocent third parties, lists of usernames and passwords for various victim websites and servers, and an email application which showed that Hammond had live access to numerous victim email accounts that he had compromised.<sup>11</sup>

## **II. Hammond's Arrest and Indictment**

On March 5, 2012, agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") arrested Hammond at his residence in Chicago on an arrest warrant issued pursuant to a complaint, 12 Mag. 611, that had been filed in the Southern District of New York. The Complaint charged Hammond with conspiracy to commit computer hacking, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1030(b) (Count One); substantive computer hacking, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1030(a)(5)(A), 1030(b), (c)(4)(B)(i) and 2 (Count Two); and conspiracy to commit access device fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1029(b)(2) (Count Three).

On May 2, 2012, Superseding Indictment S1 12 Cr. 185 (LAP) was filed in the Southern District of New York. In addition to the charges in the Complaint, which all related to

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<sup>10</sup> On March 7, 2012, unknown individuals – likely Hammond's criminal associates with whom he had shared his successful hack of Panda Security – defaced its website and announced that it had been hacked in retaliation for Hammond and his LulzSec co-conspirators' arrests two days before. *See, e.g.*, <http://www.foxnews.com/tech/2012/03/07/anonymous-retaliates-for-lulzsec-arrests-hacks-panda-security-website/>.

<sup>11</sup> (Bates # 1500-1555.)

Hammond's participation in the Stratfor hack, the Superseding Indictment charged Hammond with an additional count of conspiracy to commit computer hacking for his involvement in the AZDPS hack with other members of LulzSec, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1030(b),<sup>12</sup> and one count of aggravated identity theft in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1028A, in connection with the Stratfor hack.

### **III. Hammond's Guilty Plea and the Presentence Investigation Report**

On May 28, 2013, Hammond pleaded guilty before Your Honor to a superseding information, S2 12 Cr. 185 (LAP), pursuant to a plea agreement with the Government. The Superseding Information, which was filed on the same day, charged Hammond with one count of conspiracy to engage in computer hacking, after having been previously convicted of federal computer hacking charges, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1030(b), in connection with Hammond's participation in the Stratfor hack.

According to the terms of the Plea Agreement, Hammond admitted to participating in eight other cyber attacks besides the Stratfor hack and stipulated that this additional criminal activity was relevant conduct to be considered by the Court at the time of his sentencing.<sup>13</sup> (Plea

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<sup>12</sup> The Superseding Indictment also included a separate conspiracy to commit computer hacking charge against Ryan Ackroyd, Jake Davis, Darren Martyn, and Donncha O'Cearrbhail for their involvement in a group called Internet Feds, a precursor hacking group to LulzSec. Ackroyd, Davis and Martyn were also charged along with Hammond for the LulzSec conspiracy; and Ackroyd, Davis, Martyn, and O'Cearrbhail were also charged along with Hammond for the Stratfor hack with AntiSec.

<sup>13</sup> The eight additional hacks to which Hammond admitted participating in were each the subject of a separate FBI investigation. As a result of Hammond's admission of those hacks as relevant conduct, the Government agreed not to charge Hammond for those separate offenses. In addition, the Government agreed not to charge Hammond further based on evidence obtained

Agreement at 2-3.) Hammond stipulated that his total adjusted Guidelines offense level was 31, including enhancements based on (1) a loss of more than \$1,000,000 but less than \$2,500,000; (2) 250 or more victims; (3) the fact that Hammond's offense conduct involved sophisticated means; (4) the fact that Hammond's offense conduct involved an intent to obtain personal information or the unauthorized public dissemination of personal information; and (5) the fact that Hammond's offense conduct involved a computer system used by or for a government entity in furtherance of the administration of justice. (*Id.* at 3-4.) In addition, Hammond stipulated that he is in Criminal History Category IV, based in part on his conviction, in 2006 in the Northern District of Illinois, for a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Title 1030(a)(2) (computer hacking), which arose from his cyber attack on and theft of thousands of credit cards from a victim's computer system and resulted in a sentence of 24 months' incarceration to be followed by a term of three years' supervised release; and because he committed the instant offense while on probation following his conviction in 2010 in Cook County (IL) Circuit Court for mob action. (*Id.* at 4-5.) Hammond agreed that his stipulated Guidelines sentence was 120 months. (*Id.* at 6.) Finally, Hammond also agreed that neither a downward nor an upward departure from the stipulated Guidelines sentence was warranted. (*Id.*)

In the PSR, the Probation Office concurred with the offense level calculations and sentencing range agreed to by Hammond in the Plea Agreement, and recommended a term of incarceration of 120 months. (PSR ¶¶ 42-77, 111; page 28.)

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from the laptop computer seized at the time of his arrest, or based on evidence obtained from his communications with the CW. (Plea Agreement at 2-3.)

**ARGUMENT**

A sentence of 120 months is warranted in this case. Hammond is a hacking recidivist who, over the course of almost a year, launched cyber attacks that harmed businesses, individuals, and governments; caused losses of between \$1 million and \$2.5 million; affected thousands of people; and threatened the safety of the public and of law enforcement officers and their families. In 2006, Hammond was sentenced to a term of 24 months' incarceration on a federal computer hacking charge. Undaunted by this prior conviction and sentence, shortly after completing his term of supervised release for it and while on probation for yet another conviction, Hammond began a sustained campaign during which he executed cyber attacks against the websites and computer networks of scores of victims. Hammond's history of recidivism and complete disregard for the law belies his current claim at sentencing that he will not re-engage in this same criminal conduct upon his release from prison. Moreover, Hammond's own statements prior to his arrest show that, contrary to his contentions now, Hammond was motivated by a malicious and callous contempt for those with whom he disagreed, particularly anyone remotely related to law enforcement, not a "concern[] with both transparency and privacy." (Def. Mem. at 33.) For all of these reasons, as well as for the importance of deterrence, promoting respect for the law, and providing just punishment in this case, the Government respectfully submits that a sentence of 120 months would be sufficient, but not greater than necessary, to serve the legitimate purposes of sentencing.

**I. Applicable Law**

As the Court is well aware, in determining Hammond's sentence, the Court must consider the factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a). The Court must also impose a sentence sufficient, but not greater than necessary, to comply with the purposes set forth in paragraph (2) above. *Id.*

The Sentencing Guidelines, which "should be the starting point and the initial benchmark" for sentencing, *Gall v. United States*, 128 S.Ct. 586, 596 (2007), take into account in a case such as this the factors stipulated to by Hammond in his guilty plea agreement such as the loss amount; the number of victims; and the sophisticated means and other specific characteristics of his offense. *See* United States Sentencing Guidelines ("Guidelines" or "U.S.S.G.") §§ 2B1.1(b)(1) and (2). The combination of these characteristics, along with his lengthy criminal history and acceptance of responsibility at his plea, results in a Guidelines range of 151 to 188 months' imprisonment. However, the applicable and stipulated Guidelines sentence is 120 months, the statutory maximum for the offense of conviction.

**II. Discussion**

**A. The Nature and Circumstances of the Offense**

The nature and circumstances of Hammond's offense support the substantial period of incarceration that is called for by the Guidelines. As set forth in the Complaint, the PSR, and the Background Section, Hammond played a central role in an extensive, deliberate, and destructive hacking campaign that caused widespread and serious harm.

The victims of Hammond's hacking included local police officers and their families, federal agencies, private companies, and thousands of private individuals. Hammond caused



substantial financial harm and emotional distress, violated privacy, and endangered public safety. As a result of his hacking activities, for example, the names, physical addresses, credit card data, and email addresses of thousands of clients of Stratfor were released and disseminated worldwide (PSR ¶ 23), resulting in approximately \$700,000 of unauthorized charges on those accounts (PSR ¶ 28), and cost more than \$1 million to Stratfor to repair. Brooks-Jeffrey Marketing, another of Hammond's victims, which maintains and services various law enforcement websites, suffered over \$280,000 in financial loss. (*See* Letter of BJM of April 17, 2013.) Vanguard calculated over \$70,000 in financial loss, and the Arizona Fraternal Order of Police, over \$20,000. (*See* Letter of ██████████ dated September 26, 2013 ("████████ Letter"); Letter of ██████████ dated September 25, 2013 ("████████ Letter").)

Moreover, much of the damage Hammond caused cannot even be quantified. A retired police officer and his wife, whose unlisted home phone number was released as a result of the AZDPS hack, received hundreds of harassing phone calls for weeks after – including physical threats. (*See* Letter of ██████████ dated August 12, 2013.) Indeed, the AZDPS – Arizona's statewide law enforcement agency – had to shut down its external email server, as well as its sex offender website and its fingerprint identification system, in order to address the damage from Hammond's hack. Arizona's Amber Alert System – which broadcasts "urgent bulletin[s] in the most serious child-abduction cases"<sup>14</sup> – and that state's ability to track its

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<sup>14</sup> *See* Website of U.S. Department of Justice, AMBER Alert, America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response, <http://www.amberalert.gov/>.

aircraft and helicopters were also impacted by Hammond's cyber attack. (See Letter of ██████████ ██████████, Director, AZDPS, dated August 23, 2013.)

As a result of Hammond's related hack of the Arizona Fraternal Order of Police, the personal information, including the home addresses, of hundreds of active and retired law enforcement officers was disseminated online, and his hack of Vanguard released, among other things, the entire personal financial information of one of Vanguard's officers, all of which raised significant concerns about safety, privacy violations, and financial fraud for hundreds of individuals. (See ██████████ Letter; ██████████ Letter.)

Hammond played a leading role in all of these hacks, as well as other similar hacks described in the Background Section above, due mainly to his hacking experience and ability, as well as his relentlessness in identifying and attacking targets, particularly those tied to law enforcement. By his own account, his extensive involvement in computer hacking dates back at least a decade (Def. Mem. at 17), and his criminal hacking to at least 2005 (PSR ¶ 61). Indeed, it was Hammond himself who brought the AZDPS hack to LulzSec, his first foray with that hacking organization, bragging to the CW, "this time we have some high profile shit," uploading "a sample pdf" containing what appeared to be the name, phone number, and an e-mail address of an Arizona detective as evidence of what he had stolen, and then boasting later, "anyway, there's a LOT more where that came from."<sup>15</sup> He then spent a few days going through the stolen material on his own, periodically sharing additional samples with his co-conspirators and the CW

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<sup>15</sup> (Bates # 78130-31.)

until he was ready to share the entire set of data, and he also contributed to drafting the press releases and strategized about the publicity campaign and release itself.<sup>16</sup>

Although Hammond does not appear to have initiated the Stratfor hack, he played a central role in that attack as well, in bringing it to fruition. In his submission, Hammond makes much of the CW's role in introducing Hammond to the hacker "hyrriiya" after the CW learned that hyrriiya claimed to have hacked into Stratfor. (Def. Mem. at 20-21.) Hammond elides over his own key role – which was to take over the hack from hyrriiya and carry it through to its successful completion. Indeed, about 20 minutes after the CW introduced them, Hammond informed the CW, "[i]t looks like he [hyrriiya] needs help breaking into their [Stratfor's] servers."<sup>17</sup> And Hammond moved quickly to do what hyrriiya could not – completely penetrate and take over Stratfor's computer network. Hammond's criminal expertise and focus were instrumental to the success of the Stratfor hack.

Hammond played a similar central role in numerous other hacks, including those to which he pled, as well as a number of others, as described in greater detail in the Background Section. Notably, he worked on many of these on his own, as the evidence on his hard drive demonstrates – obtaining access to victim computer networks through vulnerabilities that he identified and that he knew how to exploit, and then stealing data, storing it on his hard drive, and going through it in detail before sharing it with others for release.

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<sup>16</sup> (Bates # 78128-78244.)

<sup>17</sup> (Bates # 67014.)

Hammond's attempts to deflect blame or obfuscate his criminal activity are without merit. Among other things, Hammond claims in his sentencing submission that the CW actually participated in the Stratfor hack – rather than gathering information about it for law enforcement – by “providing servers for the storage of information and creating chatrooms to facilitate discussions.” (Def. Mem. at 21 and note 17.) This claim mischaracterizes the CW's role. As explained in the Complaint, the CW, at the direction of the FBI, provided to Hammond and his co-conspirators a server, which Hammond and his co-conspirators used to store the data they stole from Stratfor.<sup>18</sup> (See Compl. ¶ 18j.) As a result of the FBI's control of this server, the FBI was able to mitigate the harm by, for example, notifying credit card companies about the compromised cards. The FBI's control of access to this server also would, and did, provide substantial evidence as to Hammond's identity and role in the attack. Similarly, the CW created chat rooms for Hammond and his co-conspirators at the direction of the FBI, which monitored the chats, gaining valuable intelligence about the hack which it used to notify Stratfor and credit card companies as the hack developed, as well as powerful evidence of Hammond's criminal activity.<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>18</sup> Indeed, as Hammond is aware, an encryption key that the CW passed to Hammond so Hammond could access this server was found on Hammond's hard drive, conclusively demonstrating that Hammond had accessed this server himself.

<sup>19</sup> In an addendum to his sentencing submission, Hammond discusses additional hacks and conduct that he claims “provide the contextual framework for the Court's overall consideration of [his] intentions and motivation.” (Def. Exh. H at 1.) Specifically, Hammond alleges that the Government was “using [Hammond] to collect information regarding the vulnerabilities of foreign government websites and in some cases, disabling them.” (*Id.* at 2.) Hammond apparently reaches this dramatic conclusion based in part on a partially-redacted online posting by an anonymous individual who claimed to have hacked a foreign government at the behest of

**B. History and Characteristics of the Defendant**

Hammond's history and characteristics – in particular his unrepentant recidivism – also support a sentence of 120 months. Moreover, Hammond's claim now that his sole intent in engaging in the instant offense conduct was to serve the public good is false. As set forth below, the evidence shows that he was in fact engaged in a campaign of online sabotage, which damaged numerous websites and resulted in the unauthorized disclosure of the personal and financial information of thousands of individuals. Having previously received leniency in connection with his prior federal sentence for computer hacking, he is entitled to none in this case.

The defendant has an almost unbroken record of criminal offenses that demonstrate a total lack of respect for the law. As noted in the PSR, this prior criminal history includes, among others, a plea of guilty to criminal damage to property in 2003 (PSR ¶ 59), and convictions for battery in 2004 (PSR ¶ 60), disorderly conduct in 2006 (PSR ¶¶ 64-65), and mob action in 2009 (PSR ¶¶ 65-66), as well as multiple violations of supervised release, parole and probation (PSR ¶¶ 62, 64, 66, 68) and other arrests for disorderly conduct, contempt of court, and criminal trespass, among others (PSR ¶¶ 70, 72, 74, 75, 76, 77). Even more significantly, that prior criminal history also includes a federal conviction, in 2006, for the same offense – and

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the CW. These claims are baseless. While the CW and Hammond did discuss vulnerabilities of foreign websites (among others), in fact, the FBI notified foreign governments about this activity and the vulnerabilities in their websites after Hammond was arrested and the CW's role could be revealed without harming the investigation so they could take appropriate remedial action. In any event, even if Hammond's allegations were true, which they are not, they do not bear on any issues relevant to sentencing.

essentially the same conduct – for which he is being sentenced here: the defendant hacked the website of an organization he disagreed with politically and obtained information such as the credit card numbers, home addresses and other identifying information of its members and customers. (PSR ¶ 61.) As here, he intended to make unauthorized charges using those stolen credit cards.<sup>20</sup> Hammond began engaging in his most recent hacking spree while serving a term of probation. (PSR ¶ 68.) Given that record, the Probation Office correctly notes in the PSR Hammond’s “propensity to continue to commit crime,” concluding that “[t]here is no information in his record that would suggest that he will not continue to recidivate.” (PSR, page 29 (“The defendant’s criminal record shows his disdain for the law as he has been cited for several violations while serving terms of supervision, along with two notable sanctions while housed at the Bureau of Prisons.”).)<sup>21</sup>

Hammond argues that he is entitled to leniency because he was motivated by altruism. (Def. Mem. at 28.) That claim is false. Hammond’s claim now that he was actually only engaged in a campaign of “civil disobedience” to expose government and corporate malfeasance is overwhelmingly contradicted by his own statements at the time of these hacks. Those statements to his confederates, long before he was arrested and when he did not expect to be caught, more likely reflect his true nature and intent rather than his post-hoc rationalizations now that he is actually being called to account for his actions.

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<sup>20</sup> See Transcript of Sentencing, Dec. 7, 2006, Exhibit A (Bates # 000180 – 000222), at 15-17 (“Sentencing Tr.”).

<sup>21</sup> Hammond violated Bureau of Prison rules by testing positive for marijuana and disobeying an order, resulting in sanctions including disciplinary segregation and loss of commissary, phone, and visiting privileges. (PSR ¶¶ 8-9.)

And what those statements generally demonstrate is that Hammond repeatedly expressed his goals to wreak havoc, damage law enforcement and anyone linked to it, and steal and disseminate financial information such as credit cards. Hammond bragged to his co-conspirators that he had “a three punch knockout plan” with regard to the stolen AZDPS data, and described one set of those materials as follows: “the last one was focused more on confidential documents/this one focuses more on personal email accounts, girlfriend pics, dirt and scandals.”<sup>22</sup> In discussing the Stratfor hack, Hammond had extensive discussions about exploiting the stolen credit card information, including what to purchase with them,<sup>23</sup> and reveling in the chaos that he imagined would ensue. Hammond’s destructive goals are evident not only in his discussions about AZDPS and Stratfor but also many others. For example, Hammond bragged to the CW about the information he had stolen from Special Forces Gear:

[Hammond] the password list is fucking huge, and includes many .mil and .govs  
 . . .

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<sup>22</sup> (Bates #078241-42.) A bit later, in the same chat, referring to one specific AZDPS employee, Hammond proposed, “if we drop AZ stuff on wednesday, we might want to pull some other prank, like change the AZDPS facebook group, his online dating profile or something silly.”

<sup>23</sup> For example, in a chat on December 19, 2011, Hammond said to his co-conspirators:

[Hammond] I was thinking we order some servers with them stolen CCs

[Hammond] lots of servers with big hard drives

[Hammond] and make four or five mirror .onions with them . . .

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<~el che> getting servers with CCs

[Hammond] it may be till the end of the mnth before the cc owner recognizes the bad charges

(Bates # 63171.)



[Hammond] furthemrrore  
[Hammond] there are fuckloads of CCs  
[Hammond] with expiration dates and addresses, but no CVV2s<sup>24</sup>  
[Hammond] if we can utilize this, we should, otherwise, we could just dump  
itand watch the mayhem unfold.<sup>25</sup>

Similarly, about the BPPA hack, he told the CW: “*gotta target the officers individually . . . i’ll put more work in later to see if we can destroy the site/we can do some cheesy defacement now by using their admin panel but it’s limited/its’ the only site on the server. . . .*”<sup>26</sup> Hammond expressed the same attitude about the hack into Combined Systems:

[Hammond] back on that combinedsystems box  
[Hammond] there may be some good shit here  
[Hammond] I dumped the db [database] again and saw more customers  
[Hammond] some good, good customers  
. . . .  
[Hammond] but here is the paydirt friend . . .

This last boast is followed by Hammond’s “paydirt”: pages of what appear to be names, email addresses, physical addresses, and credit card numbers of numerous individuals, including police officers.<sup>27</sup>

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<sup>24</sup> “CVV2s” refers to “card verification value,” generally a three-digit code that typically appears on the reverse side of credit cards, as an anti-fraud measure often used for online transactions to verify that the credit card user is in possession of a valid credit card at the time of the transaction.

<sup>25</sup> (Bates # 67346.)

<sup>26</sup> (Bates # 67350 (emphasis added).)

<sup>27</sup> (Bates # 67584-67589.)

Hammond's own statements, while he was plotting and committing these attacks, demonstrate that his goals at the time were essentially to cause "mass mayhem" by destroying websites of entities he disliked, particularly related to law enforcement, and revealing stolen private information such as physical addresses, personal emails, and credit card data belonging to swaths of people remotely associated with those entities. Against this evidence, Hammond's claim now that his various law enforcement targets "were significant to [him] as a way of protesting police brutality, overly aggressive and militaristic anti-immigration laws and practices, and the governments' use of drones, tear gas and other weapons abroad" (Def. Mem. at 21) is, at best, beside the point.

There is nothing about this case that supports his argument for leniency now. It is notable that he has already been the beneficiary of leniency for his prior conviction, and the sentencing proceeding in that case is instructive. Hammond and his counsel argued for leniency then based on his youth and immaturity (he was 19 at the time), the absence of any malicious motive, and the fact that he did not actually make unauthorized charges on the stolen cards.<sup>28</sup>

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<sup>28</sup> *See, e.g.*, Sentencing Tr. at 13 ((Hammond's counsel) ("In this case, he made a mistake. This one time, he took financial information that he shouldn't have had and did possess it. On the balance of that . . . he had that in his possession for a substantial period of time and did not benefit himself financially in any way. He did not steal from anyone.")); Sentencing Tr. at 17 ((Hammond's counsel) ("Mr. Hammond is in the possession of a very powerful, powerful power . . . . And I think that because of his age, because of the fact that, you know, he didn't show the responsibility that he needed to show utilizing that skill . . . . It's like bazookas in the hands of a child."); Sentencing Tr. at 19 ((Hammond) ("Although I clearly broke the law, my motivations were not to steal or to bring harm to anybody, physically or financially. . . . I was motivated out of altruism, not out of self-interest, not out of personal financial goals.")).

And the Court did substantially depart from the Guidelines, imposing a sentence of 24 months.<sup>29</sup>

The sentencing judge explained his sentence to Hammond:

I believe you when you say that you have learned. I think, also, that after you're done serving your sentence, I would be willing to believe you if you told me that you understood precisely how damaging the democratic discourse of what you did is. I don't know that you fully understand that now. I concede that you fully understand what you did was wrong.

I believe that a 41-month sentence is too long in this particular case. It is, from my perspective, out of line with other sentences for computer hacking offenses, particularly those done out of unguided malice, a desire to wreak havoc, which motivates many hacking offenses, and those done for profit, and I suppose you could add to that those done to perpetrate particular harm against the named person. Yours, in many respects, is on the low end of the scale, but it's not at the bottom of the scale, because the prosecutor was right, that the damage you did, more precisely the threat of what you did, is damaging the democratic discourse, your side's as well as the other.<sup>30</sup>

There are of course notable differences between his prior federal conviction and this offense: that case involved one website and actual loss of \$1,658, and the defendant did not in the end follow through with his plan to use the stolen credit cards.<sup>31</sup> Unfortunately, though, Hammond did not learn, or at least not apparently anything positive, from the leniency shown to him then. In June 2011, barely a month after his term of supervised release ended (PSR ¶ 63), Hammond had already begun the conduct to which he pled guilty here: he approached the CW with his hack into the AZDPS, thus embarking on a hacking spree that dwarfed his 2006 offense

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<sup>29</sup> The applicable guidelines range was 41 to 51 months. (Sentencing Tr. at 36.)

<sup>30</sup> Sentencing Tr. at 36-37.

<sup>31</sup> Sentencing Tr. at 3-4, 24.

in scope, in volume, in the number of victims, in the losses caused, and in the damage done – not to mention that, this time, hundreds of stolen credit cards were in fact disseminated and used.

Hammond was given a substantial sentencing break when he committed his first federal offense. At the time, the judge explained his decision to be lenient by noting that Hammond’s crime was distinguishable from those hacking offenses which warranted substantial Guidelines punishment, pointing in particular to “those done out of unguided malice, a desire to wreak havoc, which motivates many hacking offenses.”<sup>32</sup> Rather than heed the Court’s message, or even apparently reflect much on its leniency, Hammond then proceeded to undertake the same conduct the Court had cautioned against – but on a much greater scale – launching an online campaign of cyber attacks characterized by “unguided malice [and] a desire to wreak havoc.” Hammond’s history and characteristics fully support a sentence of 120 months.<sup>33</sup>

**C. The Need to Promote Respect for the Law, to Ensure Just Punishment, and for Deterrence in this Case**

There is a critical need in this case to promote respect for the law and ensure just punishment. Hammond’s plea for a sentence of time served, that is, four months less than the 24-month sentence he received for his prior conviction (Def. Mem. at 34), should be rejected.

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<sup>32</sup> Sentencing Tr. at 36.

<sup>33</sup> As Hammond correctly notes in his sentencing submission, the Government is unaware of any evidence that he personally used the stolen credit cards or that he was motivated by personal financial gain. (Def. Mem. at 21.) Similarly, the Government has no reason to doubt that Hammond has been helpful and charitable to others, as many of his supporters attest, or that he also was motivated to contribute to the public good. In the Government’s view, these positive characteristics are significantly outweighed by the widespread harm he caused to so many, financially and otherwise.

After the leniency he received previously, he immediately re-engaged and expanded upon his prior offense – resulting in exponentially greater damage to thousands more victims.

Hammond’s assertion that he is “not without regret” that “private information of innocent parties was released to the public, and [for] any consequences suffered as a result of that breach of privacy” (Def. Mem. at 28) rings hollow, especially against his repeated contemporaneous expressions of the intent to cause precisely that harm on a mass scale. More leniency now would hardly serve as just punishment for a repeat offender nor would it serve as deterrence either to Hammond or to others who may be inclined to undertake similar activities. Hammond was already given a second chance to demonstrate that he could lead a law-abiding life. Instead, having been given leniency, he chose to dramatically escalate his prior offense in scope and consequences. As a result, he caused financial harm and emotional distress, violated privacy, and jeopardized public safety, to various entities and numerous individuals he had never met – in other words, he wreaked havoc, just as he hoped to. His conduct now deserves the strongest possible condemnation.

The factors that the Court is to take into account indicate that a sentence of 120 months is appropriate and warranted, principally due to the seriousness of Hammond’s offense, and the substantial harm he caused; his history and characteristics, in particular his recidivism; and the need for deterrence and just punishment.







# **EXHIBIT A**

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

3	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
4	Government,	)	No. 06 CR 380
5	Vs.	)	Chicago, Illinois
6	JEREMY ALEXANDER HAMMOND,	)	December 7, 2006
7	Defendant.	)	11:19 o'clock a.m.

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS  
BEFORE THE HONORABLE JAMES B. ZAGEL  
SENTENCING

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1 THE CLERK: 2006 CR 380, United States versus  
2 Hammond.

3 MR. FOX: Good afternoon, Your Honor.  
4 Brandon Fox on behalf of the United States.

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5 MR. MCQUAID: Good afternoon, Your Honor.  
6 Matthew McQuaid on behalf of Jeremy Hammond.

7 THE COURT: I see Mr. Hammond is here, as  
8 well.

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9 PROBATION OFFICER ALPER: Good afternoon,  
10 Judge.

11 Michael Alper on behalf of Probation.

12 PRETRIAL SERVICES OFFICER PAWLOWSKI: Good  
13 afternoon, Your Honor.

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14 Amanda Pawlowski on behalf of Pretrial  
15 Services.

16 THE COURT: Have both you and your client  
17 seen the presentence report?

18 MR. MCQUAID: Yes, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: And the supplemental report?

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20 MR. MCQUAID: Of the victim impact, Your  
21 Honor?

22 THE COURT: Yes.

23 MR. MCQUAID: Yes, I have.

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24 THE COURT: And you have seen it, too,  
25 Mr. Hammond?

1 MR. MCQUAID: We have not seen the victim  
2 impact, Your Honor. I was shown that this  
3 morning -- or this afternoon by Mr. Alper.

4 THE COURT: why don't you let him take a  
5 quick look at this.

6 MR. FOX: I have a copy right here, Your  
7 Honor.

8 THE COURT: Okay.  
9 (Brief pause).

10 THE COURT: I have, in addition to that --  
11 oh, do you and your client have any objections or  
12 comments on this report other than your sentencing  
13 memorandum?

14 MR. MCQUAID: No, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: And then he can look at this one.  
16 (Brief pause.)

17 MR. FOX: Your Honor, one thing with this  
18 financial impact statement that we did receive, it's  
19 my understanding from speaking with Mr. McQuaid that  
20 there's no objection to providing [REDACTED] with the  
21 restitution that he requests.

22 THE COURT: Did he tell this on his report --  
23 oh, I see. He did tell it.

24 MR. MCQUAID: I believe \$1500, Your Honor,  
25 and based on our plea of guilty --

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THE COURT: It's 1658.

MR. MCQUAID: 1658. He is accepting that.

THE COURT: All right.

And I have, in addition to the sentencing memorandum, a long well-written letter from the defendant's father.

MR. MCQUAID: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: Anything else that I should have?

MR. MCQUAID: No, sir, not on behalf of the defendant.

THE COURT: Then you can begin.

MR. MCQUAID: Thank you, Your Honor.

would it be appropriate at this time, Mr. Hammond, his father, would like to address Your Honor or he would stand on the letter. I believe it has been read.

THE COURT: Mr. Hammond, you can do this in a short period of time?

MR. HAMMOND: I can do this in a very shortly period of time.

THE COURT: Come on up, Mr. Hammond.

(Brief pause.)

MR. HAMMOND: Your Honor, you have read my letter. Okay, I don't want to take too much past that. I just want to emphasize, at one particular

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1 point the idea of a decision to commit a crime,  
2 which I dealt with here. Jeremy had the possession  
3 of those files for a long time and he decided not to  
4 go ahead with the project and to leave the files,  
5 essentially put the cash back.

6 His record with his work with other people,  
7 and as far as I've known him, has been nothing but  
8 for helping people, nothing but helping people and  
9 working out with people.

10 On the Internet, he plugs people's holes.  
11 Every person that does Internet security goes  
12 through what Jeremy is going through right now, and  
13 some day he will be quite an Internet security  
14 professional.

15 I guess the bottom line is, judgment of  
16 character. Will he do something like this again,  
17 will he be a threat to society if he's allowed out  
18 again. And I don't think anybody here is making  
19 that case, and correct me if I'm wrong. And if  
20 somebody is making the case that Jeremy is of poor  
21 character, I would say that is certainly wrong.  
22 Jeremy's instincts are good, his basic inner moral  
23 core is good, and his sense of good and bad is good.  
24 What's not good is, he was 19 years old and his  
25 judgment was not good one time.

1 Early mistake and Jeremy realizes it, and we  
2 realize the seriousness of such a charge. Internet  
3 theft, if I had my credit cards on-line I would be  
4 very happy that Mr. Fox and Mr. Brie from the FBI  
5 was looking for the people that did that.

6 But Jeremy responded not for larceny, not for  
7 politics, but Jeremy responded as revenge and waited  
8 a long time before retaliating for people doing the  
9 same type of thing to his site. I fully understand  
10 it does not explain or excuse what he did, he went  
11 over the line, but he did not search out a website  
12 to pursue this scheme. He responded, he found the  
13 credit cards, and later on he brain-stormed  
14 different types of ideas and eventually the idea he  
15 came up with was that he wasn't going to do anything  
16 with them at all.

17 I guess everything else I need to say is in  
18 the letter. I add one last thing, I am very, very  
19 proud of my son and where he is in his life. I'm  
20 not proud of this, but he's a good man, he's a good  
21 person, and he's an honest person, and he's not  
22 violent. And whatever your judgment is for him  
23 today, I will still be proud of my son. He will be  
24 a leader in everything he does the rest of his life.  
25 I guess everything else I have to say is in the



1 letter.

2 Thank you very much, Mr. Zagel.

3 THE COURT: Go ahead.

4 MR. MCQUAID: Your Honor, when Jeremy Hammond  
5 committed this offense, he was 19 years old, and he  
6 stands before you as a 21 year old young man and --

7 THE COURT: Actually, I think I made a  
8 mistake. I think we'll start with the prosecutor  
9 and then go to you.

10 MR. MCQUAID: That's fine, Judge.

11 MR. FOX: That's fine, Your Honor. I can do  
12 it either way. So that's fine.

13 THE COURT: Go ahead.

14 MR. FOX: I want to focus on a couple of  
15 things on 3553(a), Your Honor. The first one is,  
16 promote respect for the law, that's clearly  
17 something that Your Honor has to consider in  
18 sentencing the defendant.

19 This was not the defendant's first action on  
20 the Internet that was unlawful. He also had the  
21 D.A.R.E.com defacing where he went on to websites  
22 to -- that was an anti-drug website, and he went on  
23 that website, hacked into it, and put on there  
24 pro-drug messages. And, you know, D.A.R.E. is about  
25 children staying off drugs. And so by doing that,

1 he did hack into something that I think is an  
2 important value to society. And, obviously, we  
3 don't want our children on drugs, and if a child was  
4 to go on the D.A.R.E. website and see a pro-drug  
5 message, that's not something that's positive for  
6 society.

7 He's also hacked into other servers,  
8 including his former employer computer server at  
9 NOC Specialist. And when he was at UIC, he was  
10 kicked out of UIC for a hack. So when we're talking  
11 about promoting respect for the law, Mr. Hammond has  
12 not shown any respect for the law and he needs a  
13 stiff sentence in other to be shown that he needs to  
14 have respect for the law.

15 The other thing that Mr. Hammond needs to  
16 have respect for, Your Honor, is other people's  
17 opinions, because Mr. Hammond has shown in those  
18 hacks, and in this hack in this case, that he  
19 doesn't respect other people's opinions. We are a  
20 society that is filled with people needing to have  
21 respect for other people's opinions and their  
22 speech; if we don't, our society breaks down.

23 If you look at some of the countries that are  
24 unstable right now, these are countries where they  
25 have religious battles, where people do not respect

1 each other's religious points of view or they have  
2 political battles that are bloody instead of being  
3 peaceful like we have in this country, and I think  
4 that does come down to having respect for other  
5 people's viewpoints.

6 And Mr. Hammond has strong political  
7 viewpoints, and he should be commended for having,  
8 for caring, for having strong political viewpoints,  
9 but what he has to understand is that other people  
10 can have those same strong viewpoints on the other  
11 side and still have an important message. And this  
12 is not a speech in saying that Mr. Hammond's  
13 viewpoint is wrong or that [REDACTED] viewpoint is  
14 wrong, because that's not my job here today.

15 I think the other thing that's important to  
16 look at is deterrence. And Mr. Hammond is viewed as  
17 a leader in the hacking community, and this is a  
18 community that is sometimes on the outside of the  
19 law and it needs to be reigned in. It needs to be  
20 shown that hacking is not okay. It is not okay to  
21 take someone else's property, to go on to somebody  
22 else's property and take advantage of it. And I  
23 think that a strong sense of this case would be a  
24 deterrence for other people who are considering  
25 hacking. And also for Mr. Hammond, it would be a

1 deterrence for him in the future that would make him  
2 think twice before hacking again.

3 That's why I think, Your Honor, that it is  
4 important to have a stiff sentence in this case.  
5 The guideline range, as you know, is above the  
6 statutory maximum in this case. We are asking for a  
7 sentence that is consistent with the statutory  
8 maximum.

9 MR. MCQUAID: Your Honor, at the age of 19  
10 Mr. Hammond committed this crime. He is now  
11 21 years old and he stands before you prepared to go  
12 to jail for what he did.

13 And when he was 19 years old, Your Honor, he  
14 was in possession of two skills. Two skills that he  
15 was highly qualified at, two skills that are not  
16 common to most of the people that live in this  
17 country: An amazing skill at computers. He can  
18 walk into any computer and look around and see  
19 everything that's been created, everything that can  
20 be done, everything that could be done at any point  
21 in time at the beginning of the creation of the  
22 program or the site and how far it could go. That's  
23 the skill that most people don't have, very few  
24 people do have. He had it, and he had it at a young  
25 age, a very young age, an emotionally young age.

1 And, I would say, at 19, he has not lived near as  
2 much life as he needs to live to understand what  
3 kind of power that is.

4 He also has a mind, a very strong mind, and a  
5 mind that he uses to think about politics and social  
6 change and things that are very volatile issues.  
7 And he has a strong mind to understand what those  
8 concepts are, what those policies are, how he agrees  
9 or disagrees with them. And, again, Your Honor, in  
10 the hands of a 19 year old, or in the mind of a  
11 19-year old, Mr. Hammond is not emotionally equipped  
12 to deal with all the emotions that came into him,  
13 from these thoughts, from these viewpoints, from  
14 these theories that he adopted.

15 He had two extremely strong, powerful talents  
16 that he was just learning to understand how to  
17 harness. To understand that when you have that much  
18 power, when you walk down the line, the blue line  
19 between good and evil, or choosing to do good and  
20 choosing to do bad, you have to be responsible for  
21 every decision that you make along the way. And  
22 it's my opinion, Your Honor, that Mr. Hammond was  
23 never emotionally mature enough at the point when  
24 these two skills collided in this particular case,  
25 or in his life at this time, for him to completely

1 control his anger or how he reacted to the feelings  
2 that came across him when these things happened.

3 He developed these two skills, Your Honor,  
4 the skill of the social and political thought in his  
5 computer, and he put them into good use for most of  
6 his life, for all of his life. He made good  
7 decisions with those two things. He established a  
8 food bank where he feeds poor people, part of the  
9 social changes that he wants to affect on the world.  
10 He and some colleagues take old bike parts, put the  
11 bikes together, donate them to children that can't  
12 afford them or people that can't afford them.

13 He put those same skills, those social chain  
14 skills, along with his computer skills, and opened  
15 up a computer lab using used computer parts in his  
16 community, and then volunteers his own time to teach  
17 those valuable computer skills to those of us who  
18 aren't as skilled in the use of computers. He's  
19 done things like that.

20 And he's organized, and he has leadership  
21 abilities, and he's used that to try to affect  
22 changes, positive changes in the world, and to do  
23 good things with those skills. Tries to understand  
24 what it takes to take the responsibility for the  
25 gifts that one's been given.

1 In this particular case, Your Honor, the  
2 prosecutor points out -- and when we use the word  
3 "hacking," Your Honor, hacking is a skill. It has  
4 good and bad people or people that choose to make  
5 good and bad choices with that skill, but the  
6 ability to get into a computer and use computers in  
7 the way that Mr. Hammond is capable of is not  
8 necessarily a bad thing. I'm not saying that  
9 Mr. Fox is saying that, Your Honor, but I think it  
10 needs to be clear, something that is new and  
11 powerful in developing, and we all need to  
12 understand what it is that hacking really is. In  
13 this case, he made a mistake. This one time, he  
14 took financial information that he shouldn't have  
15 had and did possess it.

16 On the balance of that, Your Honor, he had  
17 that in his possession for a substantial period of  
18 time and did not benefit himself financially in any  
19 way. He did not steal money from anyone. He did  
20 not do that. And we can only speculate -- and I  
21 know his father believes he wouldn't have, and I  
22 believe he wouldn't have. And I know it's only  
23 speculation to say what would have happened had he  
24 not been caught, but in this case, he was not using  
25 this for financial gain. And the evidence that was



1 prepared in this case indicates that there was never  
2 a contention to line his own pockets or enrich  
3 himself financially from the results of this  
4 computer hack.

: 48 PM 5 Does he have instances of computer-type acts  
6 that would necessarily be considered black hat?  
7 Mr. Fox did bring up two and I have no dispute to  
8 that, but not on the scale of where we're at, Your  
9 Honor. Not the scale to say 5 years is appropriate  
: 48 PM 10 for what he did in this case, and that's really  
11 where we're at when it comes to sentencing, the  
12 maximum amount of time should be given to him for  
13 what he did in this case.

: 48 PM 14 THE COURT: Your theory is is that the  
15 guideline cannot really be entirely correct or  
16 appropriate in this case because it overstates the  
17 loss.

18 MR. MCQUAID: I'm not trying to deprecate the  
19 guidelines, but yes, I am saying that.

: 48 PM 20 THE COURT: He may very well have intended,  
21 when he did it, to have a larger loss --

22 MR. MCQUAID: Than zero, yes. That's  
23 possible.

: 48 PM 24 THE COURT: Right. But that he essentially  
25 changed his mind.

1 MR. MCQUAID: Yes.

2 THE COURT: Okay.

3 Really, I don't initially view this -- and  
4 I'm willing to accept the proposition that he's not  
5 doing this for a gain in the traditional sense of  
6 the word. He hacks into Protestwarrior.com, a site  
7 which has views that, at the very minimum, you could  
8 say he disagrees with and possibly which he finds  
9 abhorrent. And he sets up a scheme by which the  
10 various ProtestWarriors wind up having their credit  
11 cards used for donations to charities and other  
12 humanitarian organizations.

13 The pro-drug message on the D.A.R.E. website  
14 may be a little harder to deal with, but we've dealt  
15 with this kind of stuff before. I think his name  
16 was Donald Segretti, worked for Richard Nixon, and  
17 went to prison, and he printed false campaign  
18 literature. My recollection, if I'm not mistaken  
19 is, on somebody's letterhead, maybe Edmund Muskie's  
20 letterhead, he sent out a letter accusing Senator  
21 Jackson of Washington of having an illegitimate  
22 child, which was complete fabrication. And there's  
23 a certain number of people who found that amusing.  
24 And, in a sense, it is amusing. And, in a sense,  
25 it's amusing that you would take somebody's credit

1 card number and use it not to benefit yourself but  
2 use it to support organizations probably which the  
3 credit card owners would not particularly support.

4 But the government's response is is that this  
5 is an area where cute does not mitigate the offense.  
6 It's an area where people eager to promote whatever  
7 cause they promote are entitled to the use of  
8 various media. And even in Segretti's case, it's  
9 campaign literature, which many people think to be  
10 valuable. Personally, I regard it as a pain in the  
11 neck when I get it, but many people don't.

12 Really, if you start interfering with this  
13 stuff, if you start making people lose confidence in  
14 their ability to support a particular cause of  
15 whatever that cause is, you're altering some  
16 fundamental preconditions for an effective democracy  
17 while not actually changing the form of structure of  
18 it. And that's really what has to be answered,  
19 because I'm willing to concede this was not done for  
20 personal profit. Personal profit had no role in it.

21 MR. MCQUAID: May I, Your Honor?

22 THE COURT: Yeah.

23 MR. MCQUAID: That is the hardest thing that,  
24 as an advocate, I've had to deal with. These are  
25 truly victims. These people had no ax to grind with

1 Mr. Hammond. They chose to support a particular  
2 viewpoint, and, basically, they had their  
3 information stolen. It's happened to me, not for  
4 this reason, but I've had my information stolen  
5 just because I trusted a website to be secure. They  
6 didn't ask what was coming and he understands that.

7 And it is an offense punishable by prison,  
8 Your Honor. And Mr. Hammond is not deprecating the  
9 seriousness. He's not calling this, you know,  
10 pizzas sent to a campaign office, things like that.  
11 It's not a dirty trick. It's an imprisonable  
12 offense. He's prepared to accept a prison sentence  
13 in this case. I'm trying to ask Your Honor to take  
14 a look at Mr. Hammond, this particular defendant,  
15 what he did.

16 And I don't disagree with anything Your Honor  
17 said, and I don't have any dispute what the  
18 ramifications on our country is for people who do  
19 these kind of things. It is a dangerous thing to  
20 do. And Mr. Hammond is in the possession of a very  
21 powerful, powerful power, is what I call it, because  
22 it's something that most people can't do. And I  
23 think that because of his age, because of the fact  
24 that, you know, he didn't show the responsibility  
25 that he needed to show utilizing that skill, these

1 skills. It's like bazookas in the hands of a child,  
2 Your Honor, that's the kind of the way I look at it.

3 And I believe that prison -- I'm not asking  
4 for probation. I'm not asking that he be sentenced  
5 for 5 years based on who he is, on what he did do.  
6 I think a sentencing range more towards the lower  
7 end of prison is suffice to send that deterrent  
8 effect to those who choose to use hacking or their  
9 computer skills to do black-hat type of acts and  
10 punish Mr. Hammond, accordingly, for what he did  
11 based on who he is at this time in his life, and  
12 give him the punishment and the deterrence that he  
13 needs to go on after he is out of prison and he  
14 still will be a young man, no matter what sentence  
15 you give him, to be a responsible citizen.

16 THE COURT: Do you have any rebuttal to that?

17 MR. FOX: Your Honor, I think that you  
18 expressed my viewpoint. So I don't have any  
19 rebuttal for that. I agree with everything you say,  
20 and Mr. McQuaid seems to agree with it, as well.

21 THE COURT: Mr. Hammond, do you want to say  
22 something for yourself? Come to the center, it's  
23 easier.

24 (Brief pause).

25 DEFENDANT HAMMOND: I prepared this, briefly.

1 Thank you.

2 First, I would like to take responsibility  
3 for my actions. Although I clearly broke the law,  
4 my motivations were not to steal or to bring harm to  
5 anybody, physically or financially.

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6 At the time, I was younger, and the whole  
7 situation was taking place in a context of political  
8 rivalry between a protest lawyer and other  
9 republican counter-protest groups who were trying to  
10 disrupt, you know, pro-peace marches and  
11 demonstrations, both on the streets and on the  
12 internet. There were small skirmishes taking place.

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13 And although I had toyed with the idea of  
14 making donations to humanitarian and charity groups,  
15 which although it was very clearly against the law,  
16 I was motivated out of altruism, not out of  
17 self-interest, not out of personal financial goals.

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18 All my life I have worked not out of  
19 self-interest but to teach and share, you know,  
20 skills and other organizing opportunities for  
21 people. I want to help people. And since before  
22 and after, and especially after, you know, I was  
23 charged and indicted, I've been using the position  
24 that I am with other people, you know, who look up  
25 to me for having gone through, like, these computer

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1 hacking charges and stuff, to share with them the  
2 lessons that I have learned from these experiences.  
3 And, in several cases, I've, you know, told people  
4 who were as young and as reckless as I was at the  
5 time not to get involved in this sort of, you know,  
6 illegal direct action which would bring harm to  
7 themselves and to others.

8 On the other hand, not just myself but the  
9 people I work with, work as Internet security  
10 experts and as hackers to help support, you know,  
11 groups and organizations and institutions who try  
12 to, you know, help people over here and around the  
13 world.

14 Hackers are a necessary part of democracy, in  
15 a sense, to help protect free speech on the Internet  
16 and on the streets. And there's other community  
17 programs that I've helped work with, such as Food  
18 Not Bombs, which is like a community public serving  
19 collaborative, because food is a right, not a  
20 privilege.

21 I've helped build a community computer lab  
22 out of spare parts, and helped teach people about  
23 open source software, and otherwise provide, you  
24 know, computers and printing to people who won't  
25 otherwise have it; and other social justice-related



1 activism.

2           Essentially, all my years of being involved  
3 in hacking and computer security, I have never  
4 brought harm to, or stolen from, or done any  
5 physical damage to a protest lawyer, or otherwise.  
6 And although I broke the law, a prison sentence  
7 would only unnecessarily bring harm to myself and  
8 others.

9           And, essentially, no matter what happens  
10 today, I'm going to use this opportunity that, you  
11 know, it's not the end, you know, of my life here.  
12 That I'm going to continue my work and research in  
13 trying to help the community, and sharing skills,  
14 and otherwise. So my goals are to help people.  
15 That's all I really have to say.

16           THE COURT: I'm going to ask you a couple of  
17 questions, but I want to tell you, you don't have to  
18 answer this. You are not obliged to answer any of  
19 my questions. And if you don't want to, you don't  
20 have to.

21           Talk to me about D.A.R.E., the D.A.R.E. site  
22 and why you did what you did.

23           DEFENDANT HAMMOND: well, at the time, it was  
24 even before the protest lawyer incident, D.A.R.E.com  
25 being in what many people feel--I know it's not the

1 position of the state--but as a tool to use to,  
2 like, promote the war on drugs which many people  
3 feel are putting many people in jail unnecessarily,  
4 millions of people, for crimes when there are  
5 greater crimes.

6 So, essentially, what happened was, a few  
7 people put up a message on D.A.R.E.com's website.  
8 It was up for a couple of hours, and it,  
9 essentially, was like a criticism of the D.A.R.E.  
10 program. There's no damage done to the server, no  
11 files were deleted. It was back on line in, like, a  
12 day or something like that.

13 THE COURT: Do you remember what the message  
14 said?

15 DEFENDANT HAMMOND: I don't have it in front  
16 of me right now. It did make a reference to such as  
17 why is tobacco and alcohol, like, not only legal but  
18 promoted by, you know, television and commercials,  
19 and stuff like that, while at the same time millions  
20 of people are put away for the use of marijuana  
21 which does far less harm than alcohol, tobacco, and  
22 if not less, then at least the same harm.

23 So, essentially, it was not necessarily a  
24 pro-drug statement, but more like instead of someone  
25 going to D.A.R.E.com and ordinarily seeing the same

1 facts and stuff that D.A.R.E. would normally put up,  
2 that it would provide not an opposing viewpoint but  
3 an alternative viewpoint.

4 THE COURT: Stop for a second.

5 :00PM Is that about right, from the government's  
6 perspective?

7 MR. FOX: That is consistent. Mr. Hammond  
8 also put out a message about his girlfriend at the  
9 time, is my recollection. We don't have a printout  
10 :00PM of that website, so we don't have anything to the  
11 contrary.

12 THE COURT: If his description is  
13 approximately true, is what I want to know.

14 MR. FOX: And if I could, Your Honor, if I  
15 :01PM may respond to the one point that he's made. There  
16 are plenty of websites that have the type of message  
17 that Mr. Hammond was trying to create on that  
18 D.A.R.E.com website, the fact is that he was trying  
19 to stop D.A.R.E. speech from coming out.

20 :01PM THE COURT: No, I understand, but the  
21 substance of the message matters.

22 MR. FOX: I can't dispute that at this point.

23 THE COURT: All right.

24 And why did you stop short with respect to  
25 :01PM the charitable humanitarian donations?

1           DEFENDANT HAMMOND: well, I had been talking  
2 to a few close colleagues and activists, at the time  
3 I was already in a certain amount of trouble because  
4 I was facing state charges and stuff, who thought  
5 that this would probably bring increased repression  
6 down not just on myself but on other people, as  
7 well, if we were to carry through the plot, and it  
8 would probably end up doing more damage to the left,  
9 anyway, like if we had gone through with it. In  
10 fact, at the time, I felt that it would be making  
11 more of a statement if we actually had access to the  
12 stuff and didn't go through with the plot than if we  
13 actually would have had to.

14           THE COURT: Thank you.

15           There's one issue that I do want to address  
16 with counsel and that is the guideline calculation.

17           The guideline calculation is, obviously, an  
18 intended loss calculation, and I do have some  
19 difficulty with applying it, and the reason I have  
20 some difficulty with applying it is, the fairly  
21 unique situation we face here.

22           Ordinarily, you apply intended loss where  
23 somebody intends to cheat another person out of  
24 2 million dollars and then they start down that road  
25 and they get caught. And they may take nothing,

1 they may take a small amount, and we count 2 million  
2 dollars against them because that was their intent.  
3 And for people who don't have a particularly  
4 intended loss, we count the loss that they actually  
5 inflicted.

6 In this case, we have an intended loss that  
7 might be quite large, but it wasn't carried out, and  
8 the reason it wasn't carried out had nothing to do  
9 with his getting caught, it had to do with the fact  
10 that he changed his mind.

11 So at the time that he's actually  
12 apprehended, what we have is a loss that I would  
13 have some difficulty classifying as intended in the  
14 sense that it was intended at one point -- in the  
15 fairly technical and arbitrary way in which the  
16 guidelines deal with intended loss, because people  
17 rarely have a specific intent with a specific number  
18 in mind, but, realistically, we deal with that  
19 because we see where the scheme might have gone, we  
20 see what the consequences would have been, even if  
21 the calculation has not been made by the  
22 perpetrator. And we probably have that in this case  
23 where he hasn't made an actual calculation, but he  
24 subverts his own intent later on, and the usefulness  
25 of using the full intended loss in this case strikes

1 me as raising a question. So you can speak to that  
2 one.

3 MR. FOX: In terms of the strict guideline  
4 application, Your Honor, I think it's right that the  
5 guideline calculation is the 2.5 million using the  
6 \$500 a credit card. It's an issue I looked at  
7 before we even charged this case and I did research  
8 on it. I agree with Your Honor that it's a unique  
9 case.

10 And, ultimately, what I came to was, if you  
11 look at 2B1.1, its provision in the notes regarding  
12 stolen or counterfeit credit cards, it doesn't  
13 mention anything there about fraud, it just talks  
14 about the value of the credit card. And what  
15 Mr. Hammond took, they were credit cards, and if you  
16 went with their intrinsic value of \$500 per credit  
17 card, that's where you come to it, and that's where  
18 I think the guidelines are talking about it.

19 There is no law that I found on this. So  
20 Your Honor might be doing something here novel which  
21 may or may not be appropriate considering a  
22 guideline calculation versus just considering what  
23 you're talking about under 3553(a). I think  
24 probably under the guidelines, that the proper  
25 allocation is \$500 per card, I think Your Honor can

1 consider his intent under 3553(a).

2 THE COURT: Mr. McQuaid, you want to speak to  
3 that point?

4 MR. MCQUAID: Your Honor, when I looked at  
5 the application note 3F1--and, again, I agree with  
6 Mr. Fox--I mean, there's nothing about the  
7 application of the guidelines, using the guidelines,  
8 that I find inappropriate. However, when I look at  
9 the application note 3F1 and I see that in any case  
10 involving a counterfeit access device, in this case  
11 being the possession of the credit card numbers, and  
12 they apply a \$500 per access device, I did make an  
13 interpretation that this is referring to actual loss  
14 and intended loss. If someone did use the credit  
15 card and did not charge up to \$500, I think what the  
16 guideline is trying to say is that, at the very  
17 least, the victim's card should be given the  
18 appropriate monetary weight, that being 500, so the  
19 defendant, in particular, having harmed the victim  
20 in this way, even at a low amount, let's say 25 or  
21 50 dollars, should be punished for the utilization  
22 of the card.

23 It goes on further to note that there is  
24 another situation where "if the unauthorized access  
25 devices is a means of telecommunication access," and



1 I can't tell Your Honor if I have any idea of what  
2 that means, but it does indicate that it's basically  
3 information that is in mere possession of the  
4 defendant and then classifies that mere possession  
5 of that information, that counterfeit access device,  
6 at the level of \$100.

7           So there seems to be a case where we might  
8 have possession which could have maybe a lesser  
9 monetary qualification than \$500. And I'm not  
10 saying that that makes any sense, Your Honor, but  
11 when I was reading it and trying to think about it,  
12 trying to make an argument that, you know, would  
13 fly, that did cross my mind, that it is a monetary  
14 amount that would be applied to actual loss, as  
15 well. That if it was not used up to 500, it would  
16 be given \$500 worth of credit, and they do make a  
17 distinction in mere possession of another type of  
18 access device that mere possession is only \$100. So  
19 I believe there is some -- there could be some  
20 fluctuation in the loss amount even using the  
21 guidelines, possibly.

22           MR. FOX: Your Honor, if I may respond to  
23 that real quick. The probation officer, who is in  
24 agreement with me on this, the telecommunications  
25 instrument or account that they talk about is a

1 phone card, it's not a credit card, so that's the  
2 distinction, because certainly phone cards have less  
3 of a value than credit cards do.

4 THE COURT: In a sense, I believe the  
5 guideline is correctly calculated if you read  
6 literally, but I believe that I'm thinking of  
7 departing on 5K2.0A3.

8 MR. FOX: 5K? What was it, Your Honor?

9 THE COURT: 5K2.0A3. A 3, the title explains  
10 it all:

11 "... departure is based on circumstances present  
12 to a agree not adequately taking into  
13 consideration ...."

14 and the reason I believe that the  
15 circumstances are not adequately taken into  
16 consideration are two:

17 The first is, this is a case in which the  
18 guideline calculation, appropriately made, at its  
19 high end, exceeds the maximum sentence. Because it  
20 exceeds the maximum sentence, I regard that as, at  
21 least, evidence that the guideline calculation  
22 significantly outstripped, outstripped to some  
23 extent, the Congressional intent in passing the  
24 statute with a maximum sentence. It's not  
25 necessarily the case, but it's one thing that points

1 me in the direction of believing that 5K2.0A3 would  
2 apply here.

3 More significantly, is the complete absence  
4 of any specific addressing within the guidelines of  
5 the issue present here where somebody forms an  
6 intent to inflict a loss, and then before the loss  
7 is inflicted, changes that attempt. It's not  
8 addressed in the guidelines.

9 More importantly, even than that, is the fact  
10 that there is really no case law on it, which says  
11 to me that it is unique. It doesn't happen very  
12 often. And it is precisely the kind of thing that  
13 the Sentencing Commission could not be expected to  
14 take into account and didn't take into account. So  
15 I believe that a departure is called for.

16 And I intend to calculate the guideline, even  
17 though the guideline is no longer binding on me,  
18 because I think it is appropriate to do so. And  
19 unless anybody has anything further to add, I will  
20 tell you approximately what my calculation would be.

21 MR. FOX: Your Honor, let me just make sure  
22 that I'm understanding. Because the Seventh Circuit  
23 has said that departures are obsolete at this point  
24 based on Booker, my understanding is that you're  
25 looking at this grounds for departure in order to

1 adequately calculate the loss figure as kind of  
2 guidance for the loss figure, is that what you're  
3 saying?

4 THE COURT: Yes.

5 MR. FOX: Okay.

6 THE COURT: It's not a departure in the sense  
7 that the Seventh Circuit has said is irrelevant.  
8 It's a departure which justifies the recalculation  
9 of the guideline, and that's assuming that the  
10 Seventh Circuit's view that departures no longer  
11 matter is valid, and there's other circuits that  
12 disagree, but it's not that kind of departure that  
13 we're talking about.

14 MR. FOX: Thank you, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Do you have anything to add?

16 MR. MCQUAID: No, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: My view is this, the full loss  
18 calculation -- let me get back to that one in the  
19 book.

20 MR. FOX: In the new book, Your Honor, it's  
21 on Page 75.

22 THE COURT: There is a temptation to reduce  
23 it to close to zero, but we actually know there was  
24 a loss, but it falls into that category. But I  
25 don't think that would be right either because there

1 was certainly a period of time when there was a  
2 substantial risk of a very large loss, and a risk  
3 not only from the defendant but a risk that perhaps  
4 he might have lost control of the data and someone  
5 else might have taken advantage of it. And the risk  
6 of loss to the victim, that he inflicted on the  
7 victim for a period of time before he ultimately  
8 decided not to do it, I think, is substantial.

9 what I think the more appropriate calculation  
10 in all of this is entirely hypothetical because I'm  
11 looking back at an event that we know happened and  
12 there's no way for me to calculate what the  
13 probability would have been that he would have  
14 changed his mind when he did it. But I think given  
15 his justification for doing what he did, given the  
16 fact that he was more interested in countering  
17 speech that he found wrong than he was in picking  
18 the pockets of those uttering the speech, that the  
19 appropriate adjustment level in this case would be  
20 an adjustment -- and this, of course, is a guess,  
21 but I believe the chance at initiation that he would  
22 have actually carried this out is perhaps 30 percent  
23 and I believe the correct guideline calculation  
24 would then be 30 percent of 2 million.

25 MR. FOX: I think that's about 800,000, it's

1 a little more than 800,000, but that falls right  
2 between more than 400, less than a million, which  
3 would be a 14 level increase, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: The calculation is what?

:19PM 5 MR. FOX: One-third of -- I'm doing one-third  
6 of 24 million which -- or 2.4 million, which would  
7 be 800,000. I'm guessing .3 of 2.5 can be around  
8 the same figure, so I'm getting 800,000,  
9 approximately, as a loss, which would fall between  
:19PM 10 the 400,000 and 1 million as a loss figure under the  
11 guidelines.

12 THE COURT: what is your base you're figuring  
13 this on?

14 MR. FOX: I'm looking at, if I'm not  
:19PM 15 mistaken, Your Honor, 2B1.1.

16 THE COURT: Right. But the loss level  
17 calculated is?

18 MR. FOX: In looking at over \$400,000, it  
19 says add 14.

:20PM 20 MR. MCQUAID: Less than a million.

21 THE COURT: Right. But the calculation, the  
22 base is \$2,500,000.

23 MR. FOX: Right.

24 THE COURT: And 30 percent of \$2,500,000 is?

:20PM 25 MR. FOX: Close to 800,000.

1 THE COURT: Right.

2 MR. FOX: Yes.

3 THE COURT: which takes him to offense level  
4 21 for guideline purposes, 21.2, which is 41 to  
5 51 months.

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6 Anybody have anything further to say?

7 MR. FOX: Not from the government, Your  
8 Honor.

9 MR. MCQUAID: No, sir.

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10 THE COURT: Mr. Hammond, you want to come to  
11 the center. Right there. Stand in the middle.

12 (Brief pause)

13 THE COURT: This case presents--although I  
14 suspect, Mr. Hammond, you have not spent a lot of  
15 time studying the history of sentencing--the problem  
16 we always have with gifted people, and you do have a  
17 gift, is that the defense lawyer, and in this case  
18 your father as well, will point to a gift as a great  
19 mitigating factor, but that's not right.

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20 The prosecutors will sometimes point to it as  
21 a great aggravating factor on the theory that  
22 somebody with a gift has a special responsibility to  
23 use it wisely and within the law. And I don't think  
24 that's true either.

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25 A gift is very much like a firearm. It

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1 depends entirely on how it's used. So I don't give  
2 you the credit or debit for the fact that you have a  
3 gift. I do consider what your father said as true.  
4 And I don't think your father actually uses these  
5 words, but the core of his message is that you were  
6 19 years old and you were an idiot when you did  
7 this. And although I suspect there is some people  
8 in this courtroom of whom I can see who are not that  
9 far over 19 years of age, I can tell you that, from  
10 the perspective of my age, all 19-year olds are  
11 idiots. So I'm willing to accept that, as well.

12 And what young people have the most  
13 difficulty dealing with is playing by rules. And  
14 they have the single greatest difficulty playing by  
15 rules when they see that some opponent of theirs or  
16 believe that some opponent of theirs is not playing  
17 by the rules. And one of the great lessons of  
18 adulthood and one of the foundations of our society  
19 is, that it's not a defense to an allegation of rule  
20 violation that your opponent violated the rules, as  
21 well. It's not a defense to a charge of cheating  
22 that your opponent was cheating. Understandable,  
23 but not a defense.

24 The other aspect of this case is is that,  
25 like the firearm, the gift you possess has a lot of

1 power in it. Segretti, who I mentioned before, used  
2 the printing press, something which also has a lot  
3 of power. And he used the media and television and  
4 a variety of other things, and if he had done the  
5 same kind of thing today, he'd use the web. And he  
6 went to prison, and you're going to go to prison,  
7 the question is for how long.

8 The guideline says 41 to 51 months. And I  
9 don't have to follow the guideline and I'm not going  
10 to follow the guideline. I believe you when you say  
11 that you have learned. I think, also, that after  
12 you're done serving your sentence, I would be  
13 willing to believe you if you told me that you  
14 understood precisely how damaging the democratic  
15 discourse of what you did is. I don't know that you  
16 fully understand that now. I concede that you fully  
17 understand what you did was wrong.

18 I believe a 41-month sentence is too long in  
19 this particular case. It is, from my perspective,  
20 out of line with other sentences for computer  
21 hacking offenses, particularly those done out of  
22 unguided malice, a desire to wreak havoc, which  
23 motivates many hacking offenses, and those done for  
24 profit, and I suppose you could add to that those  
25 done to perpetrate particular harm against the named

1 person. Yours, in many respects, is on the low end  
2 of the scale, but it's not at the bottom of the  
3 scale, because the prosecutor was right, that the  
4 damage you did, more precisely the threat of what  
5 you did, is damaging the democratic discourse, your  
6 side's as well as the other. And to deter others, I  
7 think you have to go to prison.

8 The sentence of the Court is 24 months in the  
9 custody of the Bureau of Prisons, to be followed by  
10 a period of supervised release of 3 years. I'm  
11 assessing a fine of \$3,600. I'm ordering  
12 restitution to be paid to [REDACTED] in the amount  
13 of \$1,658, and I'm also imposing a \$100 assessment.

14 The conditions of supervised release would be  
15 that within 72 hours of release from the custody of  
16 the Bureau of Prisons you have to report in prison  
17 to the Probation Office in the district to which you  
18 are released. You may not commit another federal,  
19 state or local crime, you can't violate any criminal  
20 law of any jurisdiction.

21 You have to abide by the standard conditions  
22 that have been adopted by this court. You must  
23 refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled  
24 substance, you must submit to one drug test within  
25 15 days of release, and as many random drug tests as

1 the Probation Office orders, except it can't exceed  
2 104 tests per year.

3 If there is a restitution balance left over  
4 at the end of your term, your monthly payment will  
5 be 10 percent of your net monthly income. You shall  
6 participate in a drug-after care treatment, which  
7 may include testing at the direction of the  
8 probation officer.

9 During the period of supervised release, you  
10 should have no involvement with hackthiscite.org or  
11 related electronic civil disobedience in websites  
12 and organizations, and you shall have no involvement  
13 or contact with the Chicago Anarchist Network or  
14 related civil disobedience organizations. You may  
15 not possess a firearm or destructive device.

16 It's not that you picked the wrong side or  
17 the right side, Mr. Hammond, it's that you picked up  
18 the wrong weapon to wield in support of the side you  
19 picked.

20 Surrender date?

21 MR. FOX: Your Honor, both Pretrial Services  
22 and Probation have expressed to me their belief is  
23 that Mr. Hammond should report today, that he should  
24 be taken into custody.

25 I can tell you from Pretrial Services

1 perspective, that Mr. Hammond has not reported for  
2 three weeks, that he's also failed two drug tests,  
3 and during the period that he has been on supervised  
4 release Mr. Hammond has been arrested twice. So he  
5 has not been in compliance with term of supervised  
6 release.

7 THE COURT: The two arrests, were those the  
8 ones that I dealt with earlier?

9 MR. FOX: You dealt with one and then there  
10 was a separate one, my recollection is. And I can  
11 also tell you that after you dealt with his arrest  
12 when he was in court before, you know, since then,  
13 he hasn't reported to Pretrial Services for the  
14 three weeks. So even though after you admonished  
15 him, he didn't comply with conditions.

16 PRETRIAL SERVICES OFFICER PAWLOWSKI: Your  
17 Honor, one arrest occurred June 8th, he had been  
18 arrested and has plead guilty and sentenced to  
19 6 months. The second arrest was September 7th,  
20 failed to report to the Cook County Probation  
21 Officer and I believe he has now satisfied the term  
22 of probation, but he failed to report to her and  
23 that's why he was arrested in September.

24 MR. MCQUAID: I believe Mr. Hammond was aware  
25 of his responsibilities, Your Honor. I believe his

1 last drug test was negative. I'm asking that he at  
2 least stay out until after the holidays, Your Honor,  
3 three weeks.

4 THE COURT: Surrender date is January 3rd.

5 You do have the right to appeal the sentence  
6 which I've imposed upon you. And if you want to do  
7 that, talk to Mr. McQuaid, he'll tell you how to go  
8 about doing this.

9 There is one other thing I ought to tell you  
10 too, because of what happened in the pretrial  
11 administration of this. When you're on supervised  
12 release, if you disobey the conditions of supervised  
13 release, you're basically subject to the kind of  
14 sentence that I didn't give you this time. And it's  
15 not a mere condition. You, actually, have  
16 surrendered a lot when you plead guilty, more than  
17 maybe you think, because it's not just the 24 months  
18 and whatever pain in the neck there is at dealing  
19 with the probation officer. It's the fact that, for  
20 example, you couldn't own a firearm, even if you  
21 wanted to. You have to submit to some restrictions,  
22 some of them may be, from your point of view,  
23 arbitrary, some of them may even mean, from my point  
24 of view, arbitrary, and you have no right to say no.  
25 It's a real loss of rights and abilities. And it's

1 important that you understand that, because if you  
2 tread over the line during the period of supervised  
3 release, you could very easily end up in the Bureau  
4 of Prisons. And there was a lot to be said for when  
5 imposing a higher sentence in this case, but I  
6 believe you have learned your lesson about limits,  
7 and that's the only thing we're talking about.  
8 We're not taking about your views, we're talking  
9 about limits, but those limits are there and they  
10 are tighter than they would be on an ordinary  
11 citizen during the period of supervised release.  
12 Don't miss the surrender date.

13 Anything further?

14 MR. FOX: Your Honor, if I may have a moment  
15 with Mr. McQuaid?

16 THE COURT: Yes.

17 (Brief pause)

18 MR. MCQUAID: Mr. Hammond is requesting if  
19 the Court can recommend an institution closest to  
20 his family in Illinois.

21 THE COURT: Yeah, I'll make a recommendation  
22 that the institution be as close as possible to  
23 Chicago.

24 MR. FOX: And, Your Honor, I do want to  
25 state, I don't think the BOP will have made its



1 designation by January 3rd, so I ask Your Honor to  
2 order Mr. Hammond to report to probably the MCC.

3 THE COURT: Yeah, he will report, he'll have  
4 to report to the MCC.

5 MR. FOX: Or the marshal's office here.

6 THE COURT: Or the marshal's office, yes.  
7 Anything further?

8 MR. MCQUAID: No, sir. Thank you.

9 THE COURT: Thank you.

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(Which concluded the proceedings had on this  
11 date in the above entitled cause.)  
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20 I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A CORRECT TRANSCRIPT  
21 FROM THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS IN THE ABOVE-ENTITLED  
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