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- Neither WikiLeaks, as an organization, nor Julian Assange, as an individual, have committed any crimes against the US or UK.

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