

Dear Mr. Coombs

As you know the editor of WikiLeaks, Mr. Julian Assange, has stated that the organization will assist in covering some of the cost associated with the defense of Bradley Manning. Despite delays I can assure you that we intend to honor this pledge.

Most of our donations have been going through a German charity fund; The Wau Holland Stiftung (WHS). Mr. Assange and I have requested that WHS transfers funds directly to you. It has been delayed for various reasons, first for lack of formal request on our side and later because of concerns that the fund could not contribute to a third party, because of local tax laws. The WHS has been quite busy lately dealing with the legal issue relating to the termination of service by PayPal and legal attacks by German authorities and has therefore not been able to address the issue.

We regret the delay and propose to get some funds to your IOLTA Trust Account by other means. As you might have noticed we are in a strained position as we have been attacked with termination of service by financial institutions, funds have been frozen or even disappeared. The first payment to the amount of 10 000 GBP will be transferred to you through an account held by a trusted supporter, professor Gavin Macfayden. I assume it will take a few working days to show up on your account. Please note that this should not be seen as a final payment but under the current circumstances it is hard for us to promise future actions in specifics.

We need to sign a third party retainer so please send us a copy to sign. We are not contributing for tax benefits and we agree that all excess funds will be given to your client. Please call me if you need anything clarified. My number is [REDACTED] (if you send me a text message I will reply ASAP).

Sincerely yours

Kristinn Hrafnsson  
Spokesperson for Wikileaks.