

Chapter 39 – Safeguarding National Security Information

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After holing up in the Ecuadorian embassy in London for several years to avoid arrest, Assange was finally taken into British custody in London in 2019. He spent the next several years fighting extradition to the United States. A court in London initially ruled in 2021 that Assange could not be extradited due to the state of his mental health, but that decision was overturned in December 2021. The London court issued an official extradition order on April 20, 2022, clearing the way for him to be transferred to the United States. Megan Specia, *U.K Court Bring Assange One Step Closer to Extradition*, N.Y. Times, Apr. 20, 2022. Assange appealed that decision in August 2022. The judges of the U.K.'s high court will make a final decision. More recently still, Assange has sought a reversal of the order in the European Court of Human Rights. Michael Holden, *Julian Assange Appeals to European Court over U.S. Extradition*, The Guardian, Dec. 2, 2022.