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Subject: 192. Red Team Projects: Can WikiLeaks be Used to Stabilize Global Financial Markets? A New Dimension for the National Academy of Sciences/Behavioral Science Advice to the DNI.

Dear Dr. Fischhoff and Colleagues:

Red Team Analysis: Is There Usable Truth in Julian Assange's Theory?

Behavioral science research, that will be known to members of the National Academy of Sciences panel, shows that the expectation of public disclosure and accountability can change individual and organizational behavior. Often, making it more honest and ethical. This suggests that Julian Assange's theory about the benefits of what he is doing could, in many cases, be right.

By contrast: The US intelligence community's (and Secretary Clinton's) official, conventional wisdom appears to be anti-WikiLeaks. And the US government appears to have been deploying political influence to restrict or close the site.

Thus: An exciting and timely Red Team challenge to conventional wisdom for the National Academy of Science to recommend would be to identify how WikiLeaks and similar sites - although their release of genuine US secrets must be limited [and risks to individual lives must

not be permitted] - could be used to achieve US foreign policy goals.

Could a WikiLeaks system become a new, historically important, tool to upgrade the ethics and accountability of world politics?

The Failures of Ethics by Major Financial Institutions

One of the startling discoveries of the global financial crisis has been the failure of the ethical responsibility that is normally expected of the leaders of major institutions in advanced countries, esp. financial institutions.

Given new CIA spying assignments (already reported in the press) and NSA's likely world-class monitoring capabilities, new leaks of emails, tapped cell phone conversations, and other evidence of skullduggery and deceptive behavior via WikiLeaks could be an important US policy tool to deter and regulate the predator-prey dynamics that seem to be growing in relations to many governments and the public.

- At this point, the capacity to leak and wiretap has become so widespread that there is no necessary inference that a leak would arise from the National Security Agency or the CIA. It could come from anyone and there is plausible deniability for the strategy.

- UK and other foreign intelligence services are not prohibited by their laws from spying on US financial institutions, so a Red Team analysis could (conceptually) identify ways to use WikiLeaks for these common upgrade purposes even if US-based institutions are not being deterred.

- Independently, the Chinese government (for example) might want to use WikiLeaks to deter the global economic damage of unchecked financial capitalism that also corrupts the regulators of Western governments.

Evaluating the (forthcoming) Bank of America Experiment?

There are claims by WikiLeaks and others that major disclosures are afoot re a leading financial institution, possibly the Bank of America. If this occurs it will be an interesting

experiment in accountability for a Red Team to include in its challenge to conventional thinking.

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