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Executive Summary (1 minute read)

United States Of America v Assange (UKWMC) - extradition - Government of the United States of America requested Julian Paul Assange's extradition - request refused - Mr. Assange discharged

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Summaries With Link (Five Minute Read)

United States Of America v Assange [2021] EW Misc 1

Westminster Magistrates' Court

District Judge Vanessa Baraitser

Extradition - Government of the United States of America requested Julian Paul Assange's extradition - request alleged '18 separate, but closely interconnected, offences' - whether 'UK-US Extradition Treaty' prohibited extradition for political offence with result court lacked jurisdiction - whether allegations met "dual criminality" requirements of s137 *Extradition Act 2003* (EA) - whether, due to time lapse, extradition would be 'unjust and oppressive' - whether 'extraneous considerations' barred extradition - whether extradition would breach European Convention on Human Rights - whether extradition would be 'unjust and oppressive' due to 'Mr. Assange's mental condition and the high risk of suicide' - whether extradition would be abuse of process - 'mental health' of Mr. Assange - whether substantial risk Mr. Assange would commit suicide if extradited - 'oppression as a bar to extradition' - 'strong public interest' in giving 'treaty obligations' effect - ss81(a), 81(b), 82, 87 & 91EA - held: Court concluded, on basis of Mr. Assante's 'mental condition', that Mr Assange's extradition to United States of America 'would be oppressive' - request refused - Mr. Assange discharged under s91 EA.

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