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10 Julian Assange in conversation with John Pilger
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16 John Pilger: You've described WikiLeaks as 'untraceable' and
17 'uncensorable.' What do you mean by that?
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19 Julian Assange: Well, nothing in this world is guaranteed for
20 sure. But within that we have put together an infrastructure
21 using technical and legal techniques to really make it hard to
22 trace people, and to make it hard to take down our material once
23 it's published. To date, we've had a hundred per cent success
24 rate. So that basic idea and intention is comprised of a number
25 of specific ways of doing things. For untraceability, this means
26 people send us material in the post in a particular way,
27 engaging in particular procedures which makes it effectively
28 impossible to trace. Or it means they submit material to us
29 online and bounce the information through dozens of computers
30 around the world, each computer encrypting its transmissions
31 before it connects to another computer, so in this way
32 discarding identities as the information flows around the world.
33 As it flows through different countries, we make sure it flows
34 through Sweden and Belgium, [as] these two countries have
35 specific source protection laws: in Sweden as part of the
36 Swedish constitution, the Press Freedom Act, and in Belgium a

1 specific law dealing with the communications protections between
2 a source and a journalist using any means whatsoever, including
3 electronic transmissions.

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5 For publication, this means housing our servers in many
6 different jurisdictions such that any sort of interim attack on
7 us -- interim injunction -- is not going to take the information
8 down entirely. It may knock it out here, it may knock it out
9 there, but we can put up servers and gain support and respond
10 legally fast enough such that the information is not going to be
11 removed from the public, and that has been what has happened to
12 date.

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14 We have never lost a court case in any jurisdiction -- an
15 important thing to remember -- but there have been interim
16 attempts to injunct us, and while those interim attempts have
17 gone on, we have managed to keep publishing.

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19 JP: How many documents of real value have you been able to
20 accept and publish?

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22 JA: It's hard to know how many [have] real value -- I mean, this
23 is in the eyes of the beholder. To us, all information that is
24 true has value eventually. It might only be a very small value
25 to someone somewhere, but getting that information into the
26 historical record, padding out the historical record, provides a
27 sort of richness to every other bit of information in the
28 historical record. Though, if you're talking about things which
29 have clearly changed outcomes of elections, or clearly
30 introduced some law reform, or clearly brought perpetrators to
31 trial, then this is in the hundreds. Somewhere in the hundreds.
32 [As for] clearly changing governments or elections or having
33 ministers deposed, this is maybe half a dozen to ten, something
34 like that.

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36 That's the power of information, that's an old truism isn't it?