IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
KING'S BENCH DIVISION
DIVISIONAL COURT

AC-2022-LON-001745 and 1746

President of the King's Bench Division and Mr Justice Johnson

BETWEEN:

JULIAN PAUL ASSANGE

Applicant

-and-

(1) GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
(2) SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT

Respondents

UPON the applicant's renewed application for leave to appeal against the First Respondent's decision to send his case to the Second Respondent and against the Second Respondent's decision to order his extradition

AND UPON the applicant's application to amend his grounds of appeal

AND UPON the applicant's application to adduce fresh evidence

AND UPON hearing from Edward Fitzgerald KC and Mark Summers KC for the applicant and Clair Dobbin KC and Joel Smith for the First Respondent, and Ben Watson KC for the Second Respondent

It is ordered that:

1. The applicant's application to amend the grounds of appeal is granted.

2. The applicant's application to adduce fresh evidence is refused.

3. The renewed application for leave to appeal on the following grounds is refused:

i) and viii) (extradition incompatible with the Treaty),

ii) (extradition barred by section 81(a) because it is for the purpose of a prosecution for political opinion),

iii) (extradition incompatible with article 7 of the Convention),

vi) (extradition incompatible with the right to a fair trial under article 6 of the Convention), and

vii) (extradition incompatible with articles 2 and 3 of the Convention).

4. The renewed application for leave to appeal on the following grounds is adjourned:

iv) (extradition incompatible with the right to freedom of expression under article 10 of the Convention),

v) (extradition barred by section 81(b) of the 2003 Act because the applicant might be prejudiced on grounds of nationality), and

ix) (extradition barred by sections 93 to 95 of the 2003 Act because of inadequate specialty protection/death penalty protection)

5. The adjournment is until 20 May 2024 (or such further date as may be notified by the court), subject to the following directions:

i) The respondents have permission to file any assurances with the court by 16 April 2024.

ii) In the event that no assurances are filed by then, leave to appeal will be granted on grounds iv), v) and ix).