

# **RUSSIAN FLIGHT: THE TIMING OF THE ASSANGE CHARGES**

The US probably would have been far better off had Assange's December 2017 attempt to flee to Russia succeeded. That would have made clear even to the dead-enders that Assange had become little more than a Russian tool, and thereby diminished WikiLeaks' allure and efficacy as a cover for leaks going forward. Instead, they've made of Assange a martyr about whom most journalism organizations in the world are enthusiastically repeating false propaganda.