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.