

WikiLeaks in the News, January 31

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An interview of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange by Steve Kroft from CBS's 60 Minutes news magazine aired last night. The interview and an extended "Overtime" are available at the link above. Assange discussed himself, how WikiLeaks was similar to a press operation, and the possibility that WikiLeaks has Bank of America data.

MSNBC reports that WikiLeaks is continuing to release US Diplomatic cables relating to the Egyptian government. US diplomats raised a number of concerns with the Egyptians including treatment of dissidents, rioters, and bloggers.

CNET reports that a bill giving the President of the United States the authority over privately owned computer systems during a "national cyberemergency," and prohibiting any review by the court system will be reintroduced this year. Senators Lieberman and Collins, who introduced the bill last year, state that it would only give the President authority over the internet backbone. Some worry, that without judicial review, the President could abuse the authority and shut down the internet similar to what was done in Egypt.

The NYT's Executive Editor Bill Keller writes a lengthy peice on the NYT's collaboration with WikiLeaks and Julian Assange on the release of the US diplomatic cables.