

Assange: Obama should consider his legacy

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Assange was speaking over phone to a number of journalists as he marks two years of living in the Ecuadorian embassy in London. The cost of keeping Assange in the embassy has already reached £6 million (\$9.9 million), with the <u>UK taxpayer</u> having to foot the bill for the round the clock police presence to stop Assange trying to make a run for it.

The whistleblower has also urged US Attorney General Eric Holder drops case against Wikileaks or resign.

Assange said that he keeps a close contact with the defence team of another whistleblower also wanted by the US, Edward Snowden. However, he refused to answer the question whether he is in contact with Snowden due to "security situation" surrounding the both men.

The Ecuadorian ambassador, Juan Falconi Puig, warned earlier this month that Assange could remain there indefinitely and that he was visibly suffering from being confined to the small embassy building which does not have a garden.

As Assange himself revealed in the interview, he doesn't have a chance to watch the World Cup and the signal is very bad, which he attributes to security reason. "Of course Ecuador undoubtedly deserves to win the world cup," he said, noting that Brazil is likely to be the victor.

The 42 year old founder of Wikileaks is wanted in Sweden for questioning over rape allegation but he maintains the charges against him are politically motivated and that if he goes to answer



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the case against him in Sweden he will be extradited to the US, where he says he will face persecution for the revelations of US diplomatic cables published on Wikileaks.