Conversation with

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(01:02:44) Detente@jabber.ccc.de:

Hello

(01:03:15) Detente@jabber.ccc.de:

OTR plugin time. One moment.

(01:04:35) Detente@jabber.ccc.de:

Try OTR again now ..

(01:04:51) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: Great.

(01:04:52) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: Great:) Hello there

(01:04:57) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: Hi.

(01:05:24) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: How can I help you?

(01:05:52) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: i was just informed by a friend that you were intersting in doing some work for wl

(01:06:13) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: That's correct

(01:06:15) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: im apologize if my english is bad in any way, english is not my language so if a make any error please correct me.

(01:06:22) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: i apologize*

(01:06:25) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: ok, no problem

(01:06:36) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: what should I call you?

(01:07:25) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: well i know your name so it just seems fair you know mine:) my name is sigurdur thordarson, i live and work in Iceland

(01:07:42) **singi201@jabber.ccc.de:** if you have any question for me don't hasitate to ask

(01:08:03) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: pleased to meet you. I have a few questions, but I'd much rather listen for now.

(01:08:56) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: my emails address is usually sigurdur(at)wikileaks.org and sigurdur(at)sunshinepress.org for security reasons all email address that belong to wikileaks staffmembers / voulanteers are closed for security reasons

(01:09:32) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: I understand. How should I contact you in the future?

(01:10:01) **singi201@jabber.ccc.de:** here, or at my personal email address

(01:10:21) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: i request that all our future conversations are not recorded, logged or anything

(01:10:41) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: ok, that is not a problem.

(01:10:55) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: all email's you send to me, or i send to you are for your eyes only, and must be deleted as soon as the have been readid

(01:10:56) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: The only thing I will save from this conversation will be your contact information

(01:11:09) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: I understand.

(01:12:23) **singi201@jabber.ccc.de:** if there is need to keep email's or log conv. or anything i will say in the conv. or in the email, i will not keep emails from you, or log conversations with you with out your permission, or without your knowledge

(01:12:49) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: Thanks. I will be sure to stick tightly to this protocol.

(01:14:13) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** I'm certain that my current @mit.edu e-mail address is compromised; please do not send any messages to that address.

(01:14:23) **singi201@jabber.ccc.de:** the only reason we are talking now, is because Nadim trusts you, i trust Nadim, usually we don't contact future voulanteers / staff members like this

(01:15:21) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** I understand. You are free to ask anything about me that you wish, up to and including asking me to prove as best I can that I am who I say I am.

(01:17:04) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: @hushmail.com

(01:17:09) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: Please use that address for communications.

(01:17:54) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: will do

(01:18:40) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: How long have you been with WL?

(01:20:17) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: hmm since september i think

(01:20:34) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: what is needed?

(01:20:41) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: what do you mean?

(01:21:31) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** I'm a developer, hacker, writer, and public speaker. In terms of volunteers/staff, what is needed?

(01:22:36) **singi201@jabber.ccc.de:** we are always looking for people with talents, supportive of our cause, that won't betray us, people that don't lie to us, and certainly not people that work for cia or soemthing (01:22:54) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** heh

(01:23:02) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: that's obvious, trust me

(01:23:22) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: I don't work for the US government.

(01:23:27) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: I never have, and I sure as hell never will.

(01:23:57) **singi201@jabber.ccc.de:** after our release of Collateral Murder, 60% of our voulanteers in the u.s turned there backs against us, Patriot love blabla

(01:24:08) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: good

(01:24:12) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: they showed their hand

(01:24:23) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: better sooner than much, much later...

(01:24:24) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: so right now we need people that can contribute, that we can trust

(01:24:27) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: i agree

(01:24:42) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: I can contribute.

(01:24:58) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: what do you think you can do for wl

(01:25:38) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** I'd be willing to relocate and contribute. I have the energy, the talent, and the years to spend. This is a philosophical and ideological cause in my mind, and the highest form of truth that I currently know exists.

(01:25:49) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** As long as wikileaks deals in truths, I will be willing to contribute. (01:26:20) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** I don't have to relocate, but I'm trying to give you a sense of the level of dedication I have in mind.

(01:28:00) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: please tell me about your self, what your expertize are,
(01:28:10) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: Short or long version?
(01:28:13) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: hows your personal live
(01:28:17) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: long version please
(01:28:24) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: if you have time
(01:28:27) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: Ok. Please let me first visit the bathroom, then. Heh.
(01:28:30) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: brb
(01:28:31) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: have fun
(01:28:37) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: haka
(01:29:47) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: bathroom is taken. damn.
(01:29:51) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: Okay, long version:
(01:30:45) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: I was born in Mobile, Alabama, USA in 1987. I lived in several southern US states from 1987 - 2006, at which point I moved to Boston for college.

(01:33:01) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: sorry

(01:33:02) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: and how is the short verison?

(01:33:23) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: lol that wasn't the end of it

(01:33:33) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: an old man asked for computer help

(01:33:41) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: which momentarily stunned me

(01:33:42) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: ok

(01:33:42) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: what's your local time?

(01:33:46) Detente@jabber.ccc.de:

(01:33:53) Detente@jabber.ccc.de:

(01:33:59) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: Ok

(01:34:24) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** So I moved around a lot when I was younger, mostly in the south, and settled in Florence, Alabama when I was about 11

(01:34:33) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: I would live in that city until I moved to Boston.

(01:35:11) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** I changed high schools thrice in Florence; my parents tried putting me into a Christian school, but I eventually ended up at a public high school.

(01:35:39) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** I was nearly expelled in my senior year for accessing parts of the school's network that I was not authorized to use.

(01:36:11) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** I was the "computer kid" at school, told the administrators about a security hole, it was never patched, 6 months later I pen-tested it, got in trouble.

(01:36:23) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: Managed to escape relatively unscathed.

(01:36:33) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: haha i did the same thing:P

(01:36:35) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: I enrolled in the local college after high school

(01:36:37) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: :)

(01:36:42) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: University of North Alabama

(01:37:08) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** It was during this time that I began fully rejecting the ideology of my parents, who are both staunch US republicans

(01:37:12) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: and Christians

(01:37:30) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** when news of the warrantless wiretapping broke in the US news, something changed in me

(01:37:53) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** I grew up with a VERY healthy disrespect for authority from a young age, most likely due to my bad experiences in school...

(01:38:17) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** and I became very ideologically involved in the warantless wiretapping case

(01:38:34) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** It was around this time that I organized a series of war protests on my school's campus

(01:38:38) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: and in surrounding areas.

(01:39:04) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** I founded a chapter of Students for a Democratic Society when I was 19; we made the papers, it was nice, etc.

(01:39:13) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: I can provide links to stories about this if you wish?

(01:39:31) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: Mostly from local papers

(01:39:41) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** The Times Daily in Muscle Shoals, Alabama (01:39:56) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** I really wanted to transfer to MIT.

(01:39:58) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: Really badly.

(01:40:35) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** I was absolutely enthralled with hacker culture; not 2600 hacker culture, but real, actual, up-all-night-changing-the-world-from-my-basement hacker culture.

(01:40:55) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: I applied to MIT, Boston University, Boston College

(01:41:05) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: I got into BU and BC, and transferred to BU

(01:41:33) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: As soon as I got to Boston, I started attending Urban Exploration

meetings. This introduced me to a handful of AMAZING people at MIT and BU

(01:41:51) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** this friend group would inevitably grow to include Danny Clark, which is how I met Bradley Manning

(01:42:06) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** During my time at BU, i further distanced myself from my parents' beliefs (01:42:19) **singi201@jabber.ccc.de:** Stop.

(01:42:22) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** OK.

(01:42:27) **singi201@jabber.ccc.de:** have you met BM?

(01:42:32) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** yes, once

(01:43:01) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** I would be honored to call him a friend, although I'm not sure if our short relationship can be classified as such to the outside observer

(01:43:17) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** he seemed wholly unremarkable at the time.

(01:43:22) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** He came to the opening of my hackerspace

(01:43:26) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: http://builds.cc

(01:44:45) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** First semester at BU, I founded a local chapter of the ACM and started doing computer vision research... the ACM would eventually grow into BUILDS, and my research would eventually land me this job at MIT

(01:44:47) **singi201@jabber.ccc.de:** did you make that website?

(01:44:53) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: I helped, yes

(01:44:59) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: it is just a wordpress theme hacked together

(01:45:05) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** actually two separate themes

(01:45:16) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** it sometimes has an identity crisis, but runs fine.

(01:45:17) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: haha.

(01:45:32) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: haha

(01:45:39) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: watch the video; that's me

(01:45:41) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: blonde hair kid

(01:45:55) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** talks way too fast, blinks a lot

(01:46:10) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** that hackerspace was a big step forward for the CS department.

(01:46:30) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** their culture was dying; builds is still young, but I think it may reverse the trend and create a community there. I hope.

(01:46:41) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: we're doing redbull flugtag this year ;)

(01:47:07) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** anyway, that buffer overflow poster got us into a lot of trouble. it was great.

(01:47:26) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: LED Throw...?

(01:47:48) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** the department never patched the hole, even though we warned 5 professors a month ahead of time... result? 0-day on the department's grading system when we presented at the research seminar. Oops.

(01:47:57) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: Yeah, just little fun led-art things

(01:48:07) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: they stick to some types of metal

(01:48:19) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: imagine a city street covered in a thousand points of light

(01:48:22) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: :)

(01:49:01) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: haha

(01:49:20) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: ok contiune

(01:49:36) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** Anyway, I'm very into urban exploration. We found a really cool entrance underneath the Hotel Penn to an abandoned subway tunnel last weekend.

(01:49:53) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: I currently work at http://ebusiness.mit.edu

(01:50:01) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** doing things that are utterly useless on the world stage

(01:50:18) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** just graduated from BU, considered taking a job at google

(01:50:33) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: when the wikileaks/lamo story broke

(01:50:41) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: I knew lamo from a long time ago

(01:50:43) **singi201@jabber.ccc.de:** Prof. Erik Brynjolfsson isin't that guy from iceland?

(01:50:47) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** And I knew exactly what had happened.

(01:50:52) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: haha

(01:50:55) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** sounds like it, huh?

(01:51:00) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: yeah

(01:51:13) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** as soon as the story broke, I wanted to help manning.

(01:51:33) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** The recent HOPE conference showed me how truly decrepit the US hacking culture is.

(01:51:37) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: It is worthless.

(01:52:24) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** Right now I'm working on improving the Manning support website, and trying to get Nadim to help me with some tech infrastructure for development purposes

(01:52:31) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: I'm skipping around a lot.

(01:52:33) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: Sorry.

(01:53:06) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** Eric Schmiedl and I were approached by army investigators in the middle of June

(01:53:23) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** Manning and I had emailed a bit about nothing at all, and so I guess I was on the list of people to talk to.

(01:53:39) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: After the Army guys tried to talk to me, Eric started being followed

(01:53:45) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: and then I noticed that I was being followed

(01:53:59) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: wait stop, why were you followed

(01:54:05) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: I have no idea.

(01:54:23) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** The Army guys were under the impression that Manning offloaded a bunch of documents to his friends in Cambridge

(01:54:30) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: I think that they thought I was part of this

(01:54:48) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** I was very publicly in support of him, so I must have appeared suspicious. Who knows.

(01:55:16) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** I've performed a bit of countersurveillance, and between Eric and myself, we have pictures of most of the agents that are following us.

(01:55:47) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: please send them to me if you can

(01:56:08) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** However, Eric is not to be trusted. He just thinks this whole thing is interesting. he doesn't know that I am an ideological supporter of WL.

(01:56:18) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: he can be rather selfish.

(01:56:40) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** I will send them. I will see Eric next week, as we are conducting another batch of countersurveillance.

(01:56:46) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: I will get the images from him.

(01:57:16) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: I have one image on my computer now

(01:57:32) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** However, I had never see this individual until he was sitting beside me at HOPE.

(01:57:55) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** I don't think he is surveilling me; I think he was just at HOPE looking for Julian. Who knows though

(01:58:00) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: Let me forward it to you.

(01:58:15) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: It was taken by my friend Ilva Letoja, who I trust to the ends of the earth.

(01:58:20) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: one moment

(02:02:37) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: sent

(02:02:42) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: to .is account

(02:04:21) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: the others I will get next weekend.

(02:04:49) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: great;)
(02:04:57) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: tell my something about your computer talents
(02:06:35) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: one moment
(02:06:42) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: the cafe is closing
(02:06:49) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: I will be back online in 15 minutes, after walking home
(02:06:53) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: will you be online?
(02:07:03) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: yes i think so
(02:07:07) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: ok. see you soon.

(02:23:07) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: welcome back

(02:23:19) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: so tell me about your computer talents

(02:23:19) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: thanks

(02:23:25) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: sure

(02:23:53) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** so it's important to understand that I went to a high school in a US state that is one of the lowest-ranked in terms of education

(02:24:01) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: most of the things I know are self-taught

(02:24:33) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** I've been coding in C since I was 16 or so, and I got serious about development when I was 19

(02:25:30) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** I'm comfortable in any language that exists; after so many years of changing between haskell, python, C/C++, assembly, etc., I've gotten used to the notion that I will continuously be learning

(02:25:49) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** My specialty is computer vision and artificial intelligence, with an emphasis on machine learning

(02:26:08) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** however, my current job has me developing a social network in python/django

(02:26:17) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: so I'm a bit of a polyglot.

(02:26:30) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: webdesign?

(02:26:54) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: yes, my current job is in webdesign and backend

(02:26:57) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: iknow.mit.edu

(02:27:01) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: what about adobe flash, photoshop stuff like that

(02:27:09) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: photoshop: very comfortable

(02:27:13) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: flash: never used it

(02:27:22) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: javascript, jquery, processing: no problem

(02:27:46) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** I don't consider myself a designer, although I've done a lot of design. I'm not sure if that makes any sense.

(02:28:03) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: Design seems like fun, whereas actual AI coding seems like work.

(02:28:29) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: I have a hard time taking design seriously because it seems easy, I guess is what I'm saying

(02:29:01) **singi201@jabber.ccc.de:** Ok, you sound really good, but you realize that all you just sayed, you computer skills, photoshop,webdesign etc... i will test in all fields

(02:29:04) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: any language skills?

(02:29:19) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: you mean spoken languages?

(02:29:24) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: yes

(02:29:45) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** I took Arabic a bit at Boston University, but I'm very out of practice. (02:29:56) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** It would take me a solid year to get back to my previous levels with Arabic.

(02:30:14) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** besides that, only English (02:30:17) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** and poor Spanish

(02:30:42) **singi201@jabber.ccc.de:** ok, i have a document, that hasn't been decrypted yet, some say it is

impossible, so basicly you are our last hope, can i send it to you'

(02:31:08) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: whoa whoa

(02:31:10) **singi201@jabber.ccc.de:** the document is a future leak

(02:31:14) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: I am in the states

(02:31:35) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: it has nothing to do with the united states,

(02:31:51) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: ok. I would need to know what country it *does* have something to do with

(02:31:57) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: Iceland (02:32:00) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: hm (02:32:01) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: ok (02:32:07) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: hm

(02:32:22) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: the document is the Loan book of the national bank of iceland

(02:32:33) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: what is the encryption?

(02:33:04) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: do you know?

(02:33:15) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: pgp i think im not 100% sure

(02:33:37) **singi201@jabber.ccc.de:** if you can't decrypt it than so be, i won't blame you, many have tried many have failed

(02:33:58) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** hm. I've never directly applied my abilities to cracking encryption, but I can try.

(02:34:32) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: just take alook at for me will ya:)

(02:34:36) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** how low-key should I keep this? would you mind if I sought assistance from my local trusted network?

(02:34:46) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: yes that's fine

(02:35:03) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** and this file is not illegal to possess within the united states?

(02:35:18) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: to the best of your knowledge

(02:35:25) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: not that i know of

(02:35:30) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: one moment

(02:36:42) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: hm

(02:36:51) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: the file transfer is not starting

(02:37:12) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: i'll email it

(02:37:15) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: can you send it to @hushmail.com

(02:37:17) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: thanks

(02:37:59) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: in what do you think you could contribute to wl

(02:38:14) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: whatever is needed.

(02:38:45) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: nothing illegal from within the states, especially since I'm under surveil.

(02:39:48) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: please tell me everything you know about that file you are sending me.

(02:40:08) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: I need to know what others have tried and what has thus far failed.

(02:40:23) **singi201@jabber.ccc.de:** ok great:) you understand that before i can get you into our trusted

network i will have alot of tests that you will have to do, the are all related to your skills, i woulnt ask you to translate chinese: P just something that you know how to do

(02:40:33) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: of course

(02:40:43) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: I can't give that up, who have tried and what,

(02:41:29) **singi201@jabber.ccc.de:** 67 people have tried, and failed, i am not familar with the methods (02:41:33) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** Ok.

(02:43:14) singi201@jabber.ccc.de: well nice talking to you,

(02:43:23) Detente@jabber.ccc.de: good night.

(02:43:52) **singi201@jabber.ccc.de:** do not mention to anyone that you are in contact with wikileaks. (02:43:58) **Detente@jabber.ccc.de:** of course.