REMEMBER CHELSEA MANNING

OBAMA GIVE MANNING CLEMENCY

These newsletters provide facts and opinions regarding the many subjects of world peace, social and economic justice, human rights, and democracy for the benefit of all who know a well-informed citizenry is essential to a democracy. Chase Madar alerts us to the great danger of the Manning trial to our democracy. “. . . the government now has even greater incentive to prosecute as a spy any confidential source who passes classified information to the press, criminalizing what has long been a vital . . . conduit of essential public information. Such collateral damage to the Fourth Estate will not be mourned by a government that has become aggressively intolerant of leaks, whistleblowers and, it often seems, a well-informed citizenry.” The Nation (Aug. 19/26, 2013). --Dick

For more on Manning see my Newsletters and Blogs on WikiLeaks (Assange, Manning). My Blog: It's the War Department http://jamesrichardbennett.blogspot.com/

Newsletters http://www.omnicenter.org/newsletter-archive/
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And see my newsletters/blogs on Edward Snowden. We should remember these heroes of democracy, of open government, every day.
Tell the NYT: Chelsea Manning deserves clemency, too

Dick,
The New York Times editorial board recently penned a tribute to Edward Snowden, arguing that he deserves clemency because of his valuable efforts to rein in illegal surveillance.¹

The New York Times deserves our thanks for using their platform to make this case, but there are others currently imprisoned for historic whistleblowing that deserve the same defense. Chelsea Manning, another New York Times source, should be getting the same treatment from The Times editorial board for her efforts to bring transparency to our decades-long wars in the Middle East.

Can you please send a letter to the editors of The New York Times thanking them for standing up for Snowden and asking them to do the same for Chelsea Manning?

Many of the Times' arguments for granting Snowden clemency could apply to Chelsea
Manning's case as well. Chelsea's release of the Afghanistan and Iraq War Logs, diplomatic cables and horrific battlefield video like 'Collateral Murder,' shed light on our government's shadowy misdeeds. Just as Snowden's work has spurred privacy movements across the globe, Manning's disclosures inspired people to take a stand against senseless state-sponsored violence and racketeering.

Courageous whistleblowing is rare but essential to the production of quality of muckraking journalism. The Times should not be selective in their defense of sources.

**Write a letter to the New York Times thanking them for their defense of Edward Snowden and asking them to do the same for Chelsea Manning.**

Thank you in advance for your help.

In solidarity,

Brian Sonenstein
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Chelsea Manning Awarded Sam Adams Integrity Prize for 2014

Announcement by Sam Adams Associates for Integrity in Intelligence (SAAII)

The Sam Adams Associates for Integrity in Intelligence (SAAII) have voted overwhelmingly to present the 2014 Sam Adams Award for Integrity in Intelligence to Chelsea (formerly Bradley) Manning.

A Nobel Peace Prize nominee, U.S. Army Pvt. Manning is the 25 year-old intelligence analyst who in 2010 provided to WikiLeaks the "Collateral Murder" video – gun barrel footage from a U.S. Apache helicopter, exposing the reckless murder of 12 unarmed civilians, including two Reuters journalists, during the “surge” in Iraq. The Pentagon had repeatedly denied the existence of the "Collateral Murder" video and declined to release it despite a request under the Freedom of Information Act by Reuters, which had sought clarity on the circumstances of its journalists' deaths.

Release of this video and other documents sparked a worldwide dialogue about the importance of government accountability for human rights abuses as well as the dangers of excessive secrecy and over-classification of documents.

On February 19, 2014 Pvt. Manning - currently incarcerated at Leavenworth Prison - will be recognized at a ceremony in absentia at Oxford University's prestigious Oxford Union Society for casting much-needed daylight on the true toll and cause of civilian casualties in Iraq; human rights abuses by U.S. and "coalition" forces, mercenaries, and contractors; and the roles that spying and bribery play in international diplomacy.

The Oxford Union ceremony will include the presentation of the traditional SAAII Corner-Brightener Candlestick
and will feature statements of support from former SAAII awardees and prominent whistleblowers. Members of the press are invited to attend.

On August 21, 2013 Pvt. Manning received an unusually harsh sentence of 35 years in prison for exposing the truth -- a chilling message to those who would call attention to wrongdoing by U.S. and "coalition" forces.

Under the 1989 Official Secrets Act in the United Kingdom, Pvt. Manning, whose mother is British, would have faced just two years in prison for whistleblowing or 14 years if convicted under the old 1911 Official Secrets Act for espionage.

Former senior NSA executive and SAAII Awardee Emeritus Thomas Drake has written that Manning "exposed the dark side shadows of our national security regime and foreign policy follies. [her] acts of civil disobedience … strike at the very core of the critical issues surrounding our national security, public and foreign policy, openness and transparency, as well as the unprecedented and relentless campaign by this Administration to snuff out and silence truth tellers and whistleblowers in a deliberate and premeditated assault on the 1st Amendment."

Previous winners of the Sam Adams Award include Coleen Rowley (FBI); Katharine Gun (formerly of GCHQ, the National Security Agency’s equivalent in the UK); former UK Ambassador Craig Murray; Larry Wilkerson (Col., US Army, ret.; chief of staff for Secretary of State Colin Powell); Julian Assange (WikiLeaks); Thomas Drake (NSA); Jesselyn Radack (former ethics attorney for the Department of Justice, now National Security & Human Right Director of the Government Accountability Project); Thomas Fingar (former Deputy Director of National Intelligence, who managed the key National Intelligence Estimate of 2007 that concluded Iran had stopped working on a nuclear weapon four years earlier); and Edward Snowden (former NSA contractor and systems administrator, currently residing in Russia under temporary asylum).

The Sam Adams Associates for Integrity in Intelligence are very proud to add Pvt. Manning to this list of distinguished awardees.

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3. Please include your return address on your letter as well as your envelope. If you have an email address, please consider including that as well.

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