

A leak in paradise

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[Ruedi Elmer is a whistleblower.](#)

I've never met him, but I respect the fact that he realised what he was doing as a private client manager in the Caribbean for a Swiss bank was wrong and took action to address the abuse he witnessed.

This morning in London he hands over more files - with, I stress, all names removed to Wikileaks. I won't be at the press conference when he does so, but I support what Ruedi is doing (subject to a key condition - which is that he preserves the anonymity of those about whom disclosure is made - this is an issue for tax authorities alone. He must concentrate on the systemic point, in my opinion) - and the care he is taking. And I wish him well for his forthcoming trial in Switzerland - a trial for alleged offences that did not take place in Switzerland and over which, therefore, it seems its jurisdiction is very dubious indeed.

In the meantime, this is a trailer for a forthcoming film on the issue in which I note I appear: