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In 1994 three young computer hackers telephoned Graham Schorer, the official Spokesperson for the Casualties of Telstra (COT), in relation to their Telstra arbitrations.

Was Julian Assange one of these hackers?

The hackers believed they had found evidence that Telstra was acting illegally.

Could they have found proof of:

- ❖ Collusion between some of Australia's most respected lawyers and the Telstra Corporation (which was then already pressuring the arbitrator to use Telstra's preferred rules of arbitration);
- ❖ A secret meeting between the arbitrator, the TIO, the TIO's Special Counsel and the defendants (Telstra), without the claimants (the members of COT), where the discussion centred on the removal of liability for the arbitrator's resource unit in relation to the COT arbitrations ;
- ❖ The arbitrator's secret agreement with Telstra, to use the arbitration agreement designed by Telstra (the defendants);
- ❖ An internal Telstra agreement to conceal just how bad their telephone network was, particularly in the areas serving the COT claimants, because if the truth was revealed, the Government and the public would discover that the Telstra network was operating way below the levels laid down by the Government;
- ❖ That the Government Communications Regulator, AUSTEL, had provided Telstra with a copy of their draft findings regarding the COT claimants' ongoing telephone problems, but had withheld those same findings from the Communications Minister, the arbitrator and the claimants;

Or was it something else that the hackers uncovered among the documents in Telstra's internal arbitration file that prompted them to telephone Mr Schorer? This is particularly interesting since, by 1997, when the Commonwealth Ombudsman's office tried in vain to obtain Telstra's 'arbitration file' on my behalf (as a COT claimant), Telstra responded by advising the Commonwealth Ombudsman that this file had been destroyed.

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Dear Sirs

Half way through our 1994 arbitration, Casualties of Telstra (COT Cases) Spokesperson Graham Schorer was contacted by three computer hackers (see covering page) and the attached statutory declaration dated 7th July 2011 from Graham Schorer which notes: *"...This call was to my unpublished direct number. The young man on the other end asked for me by name. When I had confirmed I was the named person, he stated that he and his two friends had gained internal access to Telstra's records, internal emails, faxes, etc. He stated that he did not like what they had uncovered. The caller tried to stress that it was Telstra's conducted towards me and the other COT members that they were trying to bring to our attention. After this call, I spoke to Alan Smith about the matter.*

I recall Graham telling me that these young hackers were prepared to provide us with copies of the evidence they had uncovered which supported Telstra's was acting unlawfully towards us. It should also be noted that, before this contact, at the suggestion of Detective Sergeant Jeff Penrose of the Australian Federal Police, and covered by a sworn statutory declaration dated 14th May 1994, I had already provided the Telecommunication Industry Ombudsman (Warwick Smith) and the arbitrator (Dr Gordon Hughes) with the very same type of documented evidence concerning this unlawful conduct that the hackers appeared to have uncovered. When Graham and I discussed the internal emails and faxes that these hackers were offering to provide, we did not know that Telstra's unlawful conduct towards us would be ignored by the TIO and arbitrator.

Please now carefully consider what the computer hackers could have uncovered in Telstra's 'Arbitration File' that would have prompted them to phone Graham and, since we don't yet know the answer to that question, I therefore believe it would be in the best interest of all parties if a joint application could be made, from your offices to the Victorian State Police, asking for any archival records the police may have, in relation to the computer hackers who were apprehended during 1994.

Telstra's Arbitration File

During 1997 John Wynack, Director of Investigations for the Commonwealth Ombudsman Office, visited Telstra's Exhibition Street FOI complex as well as corresponding with Telstra seeking Telstra's arbitration file on my behalf - the same arbitration file that these young hackers had uncovered. It is clear from Mr Wynack's correspondence to Telstra that he did not believe their claims that this arbitration file was destroyed noting: *"...On the basis of the information given to me by Mr Benjamin and Ms Gill, it is extremely improbable that Ms Gill disposed of the documents in the "arbitration file", or indeed any other documents from Mr Black's office which would have been included in Mr Smith's FOI application of 18 October 1995".*

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