

WikiLeaks Reveals US Consulate in Frankfurt Serves as Secret CIA Hacker Base

'Vault 7': WikiLeaks Exposes CIA's Global Covert Hacking Program in Largest Ever Leak.

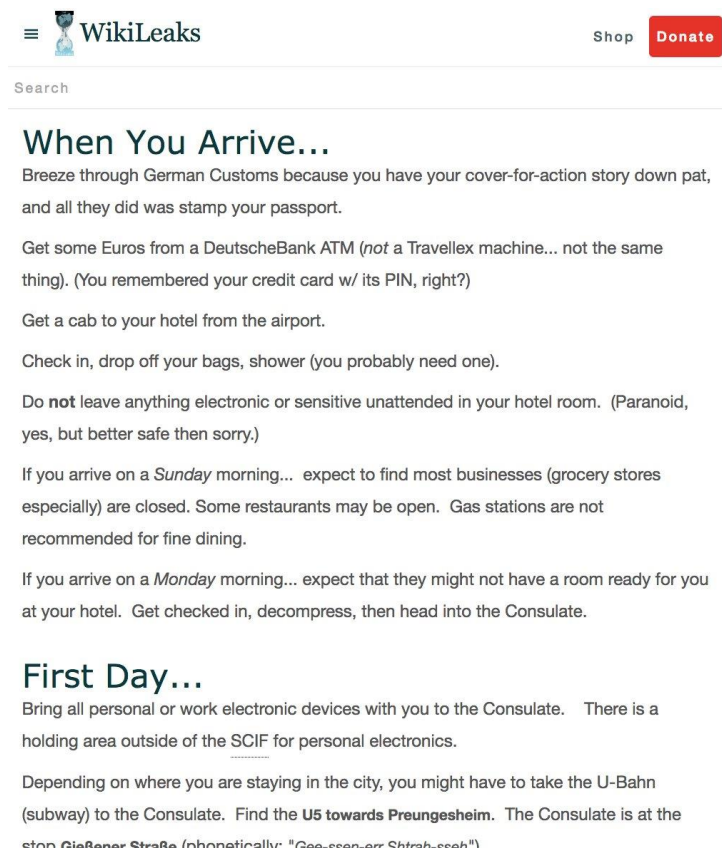
The US consulate in the German city of Frankfurt is used as a "covert CIA hacker base," with intelligence operatives receiving diplomatic passports and cover from the government, the whistleblowing organization WikiLeaks said Tuesday, citing the agency's confidential documents.

MOSCOW (Sputnik) — Earlier on Tuesday, the WikiLeaks began to release what it said was an unprecedentedly large archive of CIA-related classified documents.

Exhibits

CIA tips for its hackers going to the covert CIA hacking base hidden in the US consulate in Frankfurt #Vault7

[https://wikileaks.org/ciav7p1/cms/page_26607630.html ...](https://wikileaks.org/ciav7p1/cms/page_26607630.html)



The screenshot shows a WikiLeaks document page. At the top left is the WikiLeaks logo and a search bar. At the top right are 'Shop' and 'Donate' buttons. The main content is titled 'When You Arrive...' and contains several paragraphs of text providing instructions for arriving in Frankfurt. Below this is a section titled 'First Day...' with more instructions. The text is as follows:

When You Arrive...

Breeze through German Customs because you have your cover-for-action story down pat, and all they did was stamp your passport.

Get some Euros from a DeutscheBank ATM (*not* a Travellex machine... not the same thing). (You remembered your credit card w/ its PIN, right?)

Get a cab to your hotel from the airport.

Check in, drop off your bags, shower (you probably need one).

Do **not** leave anything electronic or sensitive unattended in your hotel room. (Paranoid, yes, but better safe than sorry.)

If you arrive on a *Sunday* morning... expect to find most businesses (grocery stores especially) are closed. Some restaurants may be open. Gas stations are not recommended for fine dining.

If you arrive on a *Monday* morning... expect that they might not have a room ready for you at your hotel. Get checked in, decompress, then head into the Consulate.

First Day...

Bring all personal or work electronic devices with you to the Consulate. There is a holding area outside of the SCIF for personal electronics.

Depending on where you are staying in the city, you might have to take the U-Bahn (subway) to the Consulate. Find the **U5** towards **Preungesheim**. The Consulate is at the stop **Gießener Straße** (phonetically: "Gee-see-n or Strah-seeh")

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Exhibit

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Your Cover Story (for this trip)

Q: Why are you here?

A: Supporting technical consultations at the Consulate.

Two earlier WikiLeaks publications give further detail on CIA approaches to [customs](#) and [secondary screening procedures](#).

Once in Frankfurt CIA hackers can travel without further border checks to the 25 European countries that are part of the Shengen open border area — including France, Italy and Switzerland.

According to the statement, the CIA hackers were advised to say that they were "supporting technical consultation at the Consulate" at the German customs checks.

The first part of the leaks dubbed "Year Zero" comprises 8,761 documents and files from an isolated, high-security network situated inside the CIA's Center for Cyber Intelligence in Langley, Virginia.

"The quantity of published pages in "Vault 7" part one ("Year Zero") already eclipses the total number of pages published over the first three years of the Edward Snowden NSA leaks."