Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe has, once again, been vindicated in his conviction that the leader of the Movement for Democratic Change, MDC, and current Prime Minister, Morgan Tsvangirai, is and has been a stooge and puppet of the Western imperialist countries, who is being used as a pawn in their political chess board to effect their “regime change” doctrine in Zimbabwe.

This time the vindication comes from the horse’s mouth – former US Ambassador to Harare, Zimbabwe, Christopher Dell. Dell had worked hard while in Zimbabwe as ambassador to “do in” President Mugabe and replace him with Tsvangirai.

A leaked confidential memo by Ambassador Dell leaves no one in doubt as to where the US and Britain, and other European countries, stand – they want President Mugabe out by all means possible. Ambassador Dell’s confidential memo, (published verbatim on pages 8 and 9) is part of the more than 250 000 US confidential diplomatic cables which WikiLeaks is splashing around the world.

The releases have sent shock waves around the world. They show that no world leader has not been spied on by the US, not even its closest allies in Europe and the Middle East. The revelations have sent the US in one of its worst damage control exercises ever mounted by Washington. But it is too little too late.

For President Mugabe, WikiLeaks’s decision to release embarrassing secret diplomatic cables has given him potent sharp ammunition to use against MDC’s leaders, who have persistently called on the Western countries not to lift sanctions on Zimbabwe “until Mugabe goes” – a demand that neatly fits in Dell’s plan “to do in Mugabe.”

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