PAGES 1 - 60 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA BEFORE THE HONORABLE JEFFREY S. WHITE, JUDGE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PLAINTIFF, VS. NO. CR 11-573 JSW WALTER LIEW, ET AL., DEFENDANTS. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2012 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS APPEARANCES: FOR PLAINTIFF: UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE 450 GOLDEN GATE AVENUE SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94102 BY: **PETER BENJAMIN AXELROD** JOHN HENRY HEMANN ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS QUINN EMANUEL URQUHART & SULLIVAN FOR DEFENDANT PANGANG GROUP: 555 TWIN DOLPHIN DRIVE 5TH FLOOR REDWOOD SHORES, CA 94065 BY: ROBERT P. FELDMAN VALERIE RODDY NICOLE ALTMAN ATTORNEYS AT LAW (APPEARANCES CONTINUED ON FOLLOWING PAGE) REPORTED BY: JAMES YEOMANS, CSR #4039, RPR OFFICIAL REPORTER

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1 THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2012 2:00 P.M. 2 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HEARD IN OPEN COURT:) 3 THE CLERK: CALLING CASE NUMBER CR-11-573, UNITED 4 STATES VERSUS WALTER LIEW, UNITED STATES VERSUS CHRISTINA LIEW, 5 UNITED STATES VERSUS ROBERT MAEGERIE, UNITED STATES VERSUS PANGANG GROUP COMPANY LTD, UNITED STATES VERSUS PANGANG GROUP 6 7 STEEL VANADIUM AND TITANIUM COMPANY, UNITED STATES VERSUS 8 PANGANG GROUP TITANIUM INDUSTRY COMPANY AND THE UNITED STATES 9 VERSUS PANGANG GROUP INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND TRADING 10 COMPANY. 11 COUNSEL, PLEASE STATE YOUR APPEARANCES. 12 THE COURT: WAIT UNTIL ALL THE DEFENSE IS HERE. 13 MR. RAGLAND: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. 14 STEVEN RANGLAND KEKER & VAN NESS ON BEHALF OF WALTER 15 LIEW, WHOSE PRESENT. 16 THE COURT: GOOD AFTERNOON. 17 MR. WEINBERG: GOOD AFTERNOON. 18 DORON WEINBERG APPEARING FOR CHRISTINA LIEW. 19 MR. FROELICH: GOOD AFTERNOON, YOUR HONOR. 20 JERRY FROELICH FOR MR. MAEGERLE, WHOSE RIGHT HERE. 21 MR. FELDMAN: MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT, ROBERT FELDMAN 22 AND MY COLLEAGUES VALARIE RODDY AND NICOLE ALTMAN ON BEHALF OF 23 THE CORPORATE DEFENDANTS. 24 WITH THE COURT'S PERMISSION, MAY I ACKNOWLEDGE THE 25 PRESENCE OF FOUR PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT ADMITTED, BUT ARE WORKING

1	IN MY OFFICE THIS SUMMER?
2	THE COURT: SURE, PLEASE DO.
3	MR. FELDMAN: CHARLIE
4	THE COURT: STAND UP, SO WE KNOW WHO THEY ARE. GIVE
5	THEM THEIR DAY IN THE SUN.
6	MR. FELDMAN: THANK YOU.
7	CHARLIE STEINBERG FROM HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, WEI WANG
8	FROM CALIFORNIA BERKELEY LAW SCHOOL, PATIENCE RENN FROM
9	HASTINGS LAW SCHOOL, JENNIFER MADISTICK FROM CAL BERKELEY LAW
10	SCHOOL.
11	THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.
12	THE COURT: WELCOME. I APPRECIATE YOU'RE GETTING THE
13	CORRECT NAME OF THE NEW NAME OF THE WHAT USE TO BE, WE ALL
14	KNOW AS BOLT.
15	ALL RIGHT. DO WE HAVE ALL THE ATTORNEYS MAKE THEIR
16	APPEARANCES?
17	MR. AXELROD: WE HAVE NOT. PETE AXELROD AND JOHN
18	HEIMANN FROM U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.
19	WE'RE ALSO JOINED A COLLEAGUE FROM THE
20	COUNTERESPIONAGE SECTION RICHARD SCOTT.
21	THE COURT: WHERE'S IS MR. SCOTT?
22	MR. AXELROD: SITTING AT COUNSEL TABLE.
23	THE COURT: SO A COUPLE OF PRELIMINARY QUESTIONS.
24	WE'RE OBVIOUSLY HERE ON MOTIONS THAT WERE FILED WITH RESPECT TO
25	SERVICE, BUT WE ALSO HAVE SCHEDULED A STATUS FOR NOT ALL THE

DEFENDANTS, BUT SINCE WE HAVE ALL THE DEFENDANTS HERE I DECIDED 1 TO CALL THE CASE TOGETHER AND SEE WHERE WE ARE. 2 3 I THINK, ONE QUESTION HAS BEEN ALREADY -- THE QUESTION 4 I HAD -- THE COURT HAD INITIALLY HAS ALREADY BEEN ANSWERED BY 5 THE APPEARANCES. I WAS GOING TO ASK WHEN USAPTI WAS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR 6 7 BEFORE THIS COURT. AND, COUNSEL, YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY -- YOU'RE 8 REPRESENTING? MR. RAGLAND: I REPRESENT MR. LIEU AS WELL USAPTI. 9 10 THE COURT: GREAT. SO, I THINK, IT'S APPROPRIATE AND 11 FAIR THAT -- AS TO THOSE DEFENDANTS WHO HAVE NOT FILED MOTION 12 AND WERE NOT HERE -- WHO ARE HERE FOR STATUS THAT WE SET THE 13 STATUS. 14 MY -- I APPRECIATE YOUR BEING HERE BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY 15 MAYBE JUMPS ONE STEP, BUT YOU NEED TO MAKE APPEARANCE ON BEHALF 16 OF YOUR CLIENT BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE. THE DUTY 17 MAGISTRATE JUDGE, HAVE YOU DONE THAT ALREADY? 18 MR. FROELICH: WE HAVE ALREADY DONE THAT. IN FACT, 19 WE'RE LITIGATING PROTECTIVE ISSUE ON THE 20TH OF JUNE IN FRONT 20 OF JUDGE COUSINS. 21 THE COURT: SORRY ABOUT THAT. SO I WANT TO HAVE A 22 STATUS REPORT AND CONFERENCE WITH RESPECT TO THE DEFENDANTS WHO 23 HAVE NOT APPEARED ESPECIALLY. 24 BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH THE OUTCOME OF THE MOTIONS MAY OR

MAY NOT EFFECT THE SCHEDULE IN THE CASE, THEY SHOULD HAVE THEIR

CASE MOVED ALONG.

SO I'LL START WITH GOVERNMENT COUNSEL. WHAT THE STATUS WITH RESPECT TO THOSE DEFENDANTS WHO ARE HERE FOR STATUS?

MR. AXELROD: THE STATUS IS THE PARTIES HAVE REALLY
BEEN WORKING ON RESOLVING DISCOVERY ISSUES AT THIS POINT. WE
HAVE MET AND CONFERRED, THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROVIDED SOME
DISCOVERY, CERTAIN SEARCH WARRANT PLEADINGS, THINGS LIKE THAT,
CERTAIN REPORTS, BUT THE BULK OF THE DISCOVERY IS THE SUBJECT
OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER MOTION THAT IS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE
BRIEFING PROCESS RIGHT NOW.

IT'S SCHEDULE FOR ARGUMENT ON JUNE 20 IN FRONT OF

JUDGE COUSINS. I WOULD EXPECT AT THAT POINT ONCE THAT'S

RESOLVED THERE'S GOING TO BE VERY LARGE PRODUCTION OF MATERIALS

TO THE DEFENDANTS.

THE COURT: AND IN LIGHT OF THAT, OF COURSE, I'LL ASK
THE DEFENDANTS TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE, WHEN WOULD THE GOVERNMENT
PROPOSE WOULD BE THE APPROPRIATE TIME TO COME BACK WITH RESPECT
TO THOSE DEFENDANTS WHOSE STATUS WE'VE CONSIDERING?

MR. AXELROD: I THINK, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO COME BACK PROBABLY THE END OF AUGUST, YOUR HONOR. I THINK, THAT WILL GIVE THE PARTIES SOME TIME TO START TO DIGEST ALL THE MATERIALS AND WORK THROUGH ISSUES. THAT'S A SUGGESTION.

THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. MR. WEINBERG, WHAT YOUR VIEW ABOUT THAT?

MR. WEINBERG: WE AGREE THE MATTER IS CURRENTLY
FOCUSED ON THE DISCOVERY ISSUES THAT ARE BEING LITIGATED BEFORE
MAGISTRATE COUSINS.
WE ASSUME WE'LL HAVE A RESOLUTION OF THAT SHORTLY
AFTER THE 20TH, AND THEN WE WERE THINKING ABOUT 60 DAYS FOR A
STATUS.
SO WE'VE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL
AND WE WOULD SUGGEST STATUS DURING THE WEEK OF AUGUST 20TH.
THE CLERK: YOUR UNAVAILABLE. DISREGARD ME.
THE COURT: AUGUST 20TH. I NEVER DO THAT.
THE CLERK: THE 23RD WOULD BE FINE.
THE COURT: 23RD?
THE CLERK: YES.
THE COURT: 23RD. THAT'S FINE. MR ARE THERE ANY
DEFENSE ATTORNEYS WHO HAVE A DIFFERENT VIEW ABOUT THAT DATE?
MR. RAGLAND: THAT'S FINE WITH US.
MR. FROELICH: THAT'S FINE. THERE'S GOING TO BE A
TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF DISCOVERY. IT'S GOING TO TAKE AWHILE.
THAT WILL GIVE US SOME TIME TO GET INTO IT. I THINK, IT'S IN
THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE.
THE COURT: I HAVE A QUESTION, SINCE WE HAVE ALL
COUNSEL HERE, I DON'T KNOW, I TRULY HAVEN'T THOUGHT ABOUT
ASKING THIS QUESTION.
BUT AS THE DISCOVERY PROCESS GOES FORWARD AND, OF
COURSE, WITHOUT KNOWING THE OUTCOME OF THE MOTION THAT'S

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PENDING, WHICH MAY OBVIOUSLY HAVE AN IMPACT, DOES THE GOVERNMENT PLAN ON SUPPLYING THE MOVING DEFENDANTS WITH ANY DISCOVERY UNTIL THAT MOTION -- THOSE MOTIONS ARE RESOLVED OR THAT MOTION IS RESOLVED? MR. AXELROD: I THINK, IT'S THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION THAT WITH RESPECT TO THE MOVING DEFENDANTS, THE CHINESE ENTITIES, THAT WE ARE NOT PROVIDING THEM ANY DISCOVERY PENDING THE COURT'S RESOLUTION OF THIS MOTION, THE MOTION TO QUASH. AND THAT IF -- DEPENDING ON THE RESOLUTION OF THAT MOTION THEY'LL BE ADDITIONAL ISSUES VIS-A-VIS PROTECTIVE ORDER TO WORK THROUGH WITH THOSE DEFENDANTS. THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES ARE A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT THAN THE CO-DEFENDANTS THAT ARE HERE. THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. WHERE'S MR. FELDMAN? MR. FELDMAN: SITTING DOWN, YOUR HONOR. THE COURT: DO YOU -- I KNOW YOU TO SOME EXTENT YOU DON'T HAVE A DOG IN THE DISCOVERY RACE AT THIS POINT, BUT DO YOU HAVE A DIFFERENT VIEW ABOUT YOUR CLIENT'S ENTITLEMENT TO DISCOVERY WHILE THE MOTIONS ARE PENDING BUT NOT YET DECIDED? MR. FELDMAN: I HAVEN'T ACTUALLY THOUGHT ABOUT IT, BUT MY INCLINATION WOULD BE TO SAY I DO NOT. THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. MR. FELDMAN: THE ONLY THING THAT I COULD IMAGINE, AND I HAVEN'T THOUGHT ABOUT IT AS I WAS SITTING DOWN, IS THAT IT'S

POSSIBLE THAT WE MAY HAVE SOME VIEWS ABOUT THE SHARING OF OUR

INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN SEIZED, BUT THAT WOULD NOT BE THE 1 2 SAME THING YOU ASKED ABOUT. THE COURT: GREAT. WELL, I THINK, WHAT WILL HAPPEN IS 3 THAT ONCE THE COURT RESOLVES THE MOTION IN ITS ORDER IT WILL 4 5 SET A SCHEDULE, SET THE MATTER DOWN FOR SCHEDULING TO SEE EITHER WAY WHERE WE GO FROM THERE, WHAT THE STATUS IS. 6 7 AS PART OF -- THAT'S TEED UP TO SOME EXTENT IN THE --8 SOME OF THE COURT'S QUESTIONS TODAY. AND I'VE GOTTEN SOME 9 AUTHORITY ON THAT POINT. 10 SO IS THERE ANYTHING FURTHER FROM THE NON-MOVING 11 PARTIES AT THIS POINT? THERE IS, OF COURSE. MR. WEINBERG, DO YOU THINK THIS 12 13 TIME IS PROPERLY, IF YOU COULD SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE OTHERS, 14 PROPERLY EXCLUDED FROM SPEEDY TRIAL ACT CALCULATION? 15 MR. WEINBERG: ABSOLUTELY, YOUR HONOR. FOR THE 16 EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION OF THE DEFENDANTS WE NEED TO GET THE 17 DISCOVERY, CONTINUITY OF COUNSEL AND EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION. THE COURT: DO OTHER COUNSEL AGREE WITH THAT. 18 19 MR. FROELICH: YES. 20 MR. RAGLAND: YES. 21 THE COURT: PREPARE THE ORDER? MR. AXELROD: I WILL. YOUR HONOR, I'D ALSO JUST 22 23 REMIND THE PARTIES AND THE COURT THAT THE COURT HAS PREVIOUSLY 24 DECLARED THE MATTER COMPLEX AS WELL.

THE COURT: DOES THAT OBVIATE THE NEED TO HAVE A

1	FURTHER ORDER?
2	MR. AXELROD: NO, I THINK, IT'S HELPFUL TO HAVE THE
3	ORDER FOR RECORD KEEPING PURPOSES.
4	THE COURT: WE CAN CITE THAT GROUND AS WELL.
5	MR. AXELROD: YES.
6	THE COURT: SO THE LAST QUESTION I HAVE WITH RESPECT
7	TO THE NON-MOVING PARTIES. I HAVEN'T THOUGHT ABOUT I
8	HAVEN'T CONCLUDED WHETHER THE OTHER DEFENDANTS HAVE A RIGHT TO
9	BE PRESENT, BUT BECAUSE THEY'RE PHYSICALLY HERE I WOULD ALLOW
10	THEM TO BE PRESENT.
11	MR. WEINBERG, DOES YOUR CLIENT WISH TO REMAIN DURING
12	THE MOTIONS HEARING?
13	MR. WEINBERG: SHE DOES NOT WISH TO REMAIN.
14	THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. ANY OF THE OTHER
15	MR. FROELICH: WE MAY SIT HERE, DOESN'T WISH TO, WE
16	MAY SIT THROUGH PART OF IT. MY CLIENT NOR I NEED TO REMAIN.
17	THE COURT: OKAY. YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY FREE TO REMAIN AND
18	THE ISSUE RELATES TO THE IN CUSTODY.
19	MR. RAGLAND: MR. LIEW WILL STAY AND HEAR THE
20	ARGUMENT.
21	THE COURT: VERY WELL. I'LL ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN.
22	AS TO THE OTHERS YOU'RE FREE TO STAY OR GO AS YOU
23	CHOSE. BECAUSE, OBVIOUSLY, I DON'T KNOW THE EXTENT TO WHICH IT
24	EFFECTS YOUR CLIENTS, BUT YOU OBVIOUSLY HAVE A RIGHT TO BE
25	HERE. WE'LL GO FORWARD.

1	ANYTHING FURTHER WITH RESPECT TO THE NON-MOVING
2	DEFENDANTS?
3	MR. AXELROD: NO, YOUR HONOR.
4	MR. HEMANN: NO, YOUR HONOR.
5	THE COURT: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, COUNSEL.
6	I'M SORRY, MR. WEINBERG, I APOLOGIZE. I MEANT TO DO
7	THIS. AND I'VE BEEN DOING THIS IN MOST OF MY COMPLEX CASES.
8	I'D LIKE TO GET A STATUS REPORT ONE CALENDAR WEEK
9	BEFORE THE 23RD, SIGNED BY WHOEVER IS RELEVANT TO, IF YOU WILL,
10	AS TO WHAT'S GOING ON. JUST SO I CAN BETTER PREPARE FOR THE
11	HEARING, AS TO WHAT'S COMING DOWN THE PIKE.
12	SO ON THE 16TH PLEASE SUBMIT A JOINT STATUS REPORT
13	TELLING THE COURT THE STATUS OF THE CASE. ALL RIGHT.
14	MR. RAGLAND: I THINK IT'S FINE WITH THE MARSHALS CAN
15	I ASK THE COURT PERMISSION FOR MR. LIEW TO SIT IN THESE CHAIRS
16	HERE I DON'T WANT TO GET IN THEIR WAY. MAYBE SIT RIGHT HERE
17	BY THE WATER COOLER.
18	THE COURT: IS THAT ACCEPTABLE, MR. MARSHAL?
19	THE MARSHAL: YES, YOUR HONOR.
20	THE COURT: GRANTED.
21	MR. FROELICH: DID YOU SET A TIME FOR THE 23RD?
22	MR. FELDMAN: IT'S ALSO 2:00 O'CLOCK.
23	MR. FROELICH: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
24	MR. HEMANN: CAN THE INTERPRETER CAN BE EXCUSED GIVEN
25	MS. LIEU IS NOT STAYING FOR THE HEARING?

THE COURT: DOES MR. LIEW NEED --1 2 MR. HEMANN: NO, YOUR HONOR. THE COURT: YES, SHE'S EXCUSED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. 3 4 ALL RIGHT. SO ON TO THE MOTIONS. I WANT TO MAKE SURE 5 BOTH SIDES RECEIVED THE COPY OF THE COURT'S NOTICE OF THE 6 OUESTIONS. 7 MR. RAGLAND: YES, YOUR HONOR. 8 MR. AXELROD: WE HAVE. 9 THE COURT: AND IN THE INTERIM THE COURT DID RECEIVE 10 SOME ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY FROM THE DEFENDANTS WHICH I HAVE 11 CONSIDERED, BUT I WOULD APPRECIATE AS THE ARGUMENT PROCEEDS FOR 12 COUNSEL TO PLEASE INCORPORATE THE NEWER AUTHORITY WITH THE PIN 13 CITES BECAUSE I CAN READ IT THESE CASES. I HAVE READ THEM, BUT FIGURING OUT EXACTLY THE PRECISE 14 15 PURPOSE FOR WHICH THEY'RE BEING URGED ON THE COURT WOULD BE --16 IS NOT ALWAYS FULLY APPARENT TO THE COURT. 17 SO AND THE WAY FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MAY NOT HAVE BEEN 18 ARGUING IN THIS COURT IF YOU'RE NOT -- DON'T DO CIVIL WORK YOU 19 DON'T SEE QUESTIONS IN ADVANCE, BUT I TEND TO DO IT IN ALL MY 20 PROCEEDINGS. 21 I CONTROL THE AGENDA HERE, SO YOU ANSWER THE OUESTIONS 22 AND THEN YOU MOVE ONTO THE NEXT ONE. 23 IT'S NOT -- IN OTHER WORDS, I'M NOT SAYING THAT 24 LIGHTLY OR FACETIOUSLY, I READ YOUR PAPERS, VERY INTERESTING 25 ISSUES, I READ THE PAPERS AND THE AUTHORITIES, SO THESE ARE THE

QUESTIONS RIGHT OR WRONG THAT I NEED TO MAKE UP MY MIND. MAYBE
THE WRONG QUESTIONS, BUT YOU CAN'T TELL ME THAT.

BUT YOU CAN'T REFRAME THE QUESTION OR REFRAME PREMISE,
BUT THEN I'LL GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY IF YOU WANT TO ARGUE AT
THE END OF THE QUESTION, YOU KNOW, THE COURT'S PREMISE MAYBE
NOT WANT TO AGREE WITH THAT'S PERFECTLY OKAY, BUT I WANT TO
STICK WITHIN SPECIFIC CONTOUR TO THESE QUESTIONS.

AND THEN AT THE END IF ANYBODY IS JUST BURSTING TO SAY SOMETHING THAT WE MISSED THAT YOU THINK WASN'T IN YOUR PAPERS OR WASN'T EMPHASIZED, THEN I'LL GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO DO SO, IT'S AN IMPORTANT MATTER.

IT'S PRETTY CLEAR THE WAY I CONDUCT THESE PROCEEDINGS,
OBVIOUSLY, I HAVE TO START SOMEPLACE, IT'S PRETTY CLEAR FROM
THE QUESTIONS, AND I'LL MAKE IT EVEN CLEARER, WHO GOES FIRST,
AND THEN I'LL GIVE BOTH SIDES A CHANCE TO GO BACK AND FORTH
UNTIL I FEEL I HAVE ENOUGH, THEN WE'LL MOVE ONTO THE NEXT
QUESTION.

THESE AREN'T TRICK QUESTIONS. SOME OF THEM ARE YES OR NO QUESTION. LIKE THE FIRST ONE, FOR EXAMPLE. LET'S START WITH THE FIRST QUESTION.

MR. AXELROD: YES.

THE COURT: DO YOU AGREE WITH THAT?

MR. RAGLAND: I DO.

THE COURT: SEE WE'VE MOVING ALONG HERE. IF THE REST GOES THIS EASILY WE WILL ALL GET ALONG VERY WELL.

1	SO QUESTION NUMBER TWO. AND, OF COURSE, THE MLAA THAT	
2	I'M REFERRING IS MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT, AND SO THE	
3	FIRST QUESTION FOR THE GOVERNMENT IS:	
4	DID YOU ATTEMPT TO SERVE THE PANGANG DEFENDANTS UNDER	
5	THE MLAA WITH THE PRC?	
6	MR. AXELROD: NO.	
7	THE COURT: DO YOU AGREE WITH THAT?	
8	MS. RODDY: YES.	
9	THE COURT: COULD YOU RESTATE YOUR APPEARANCE?	
10	MS. RODDY: VALARIE RONNEY.	
11	THE COURT: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.	
12	SO THEN THE NEXT QUESTION 2B IS NOT A YES OR NO	
13	QUESTION. LET ME ASK YOU I HAVE A POP QUIZ QUESTION, THAT	
14	IS: WHY DIDN'T YOU ATTEMPT TO SERVE UNDER THE MLAA?	
15	MR. AXELROD: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.	
16	I THINK, THAT'S GOING TO ADDRESS SOME OF THESE OTHER	
17	QUESTIONS IN 2B. ESSENTIALLY THE SHORT ANSWER IS, BECAUSE IT	
18	WOULD BE FUTILE. I'D LIKE TO EXPLAIN THAT NOW.	
19	THE COURT: LET'S WAIT UNTIL WE GET TO 2B NOW. IT'S	
20	INCORPORATED. I WAS BURNING TO ASK IT, COULDN'T WAIT.	
21	SO QUESTION B: WHAT DO YOU HAVE ANY AUTHORITY WITH	
22	RESPECT TO THOSE TERMS NOT TO BE OBLIGATED OR AS BEING	
23	CONSTRUED TO BE PRECLUDED?	
24	MR. AXELROD: WHAT I HAVE IS THE GUIDANCE OF THE	
25	OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS WHICH, OF COURSE, IS THE	

COMPONENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE THAT HAS THE 1 2 RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EXPERTISE IN ALL MATTERS OF 3 INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, SO I'M HAPPY TO --4 THE COURT: WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME WHAT YOU THINK THAT 5 AUTHORITY STANDS FOR? 6 MR. AXELROD: SO THE AGREEMENT SAYS WHAT IT SAYS, AND 7 IN THAT REGARD THE LANGUAGE THAT THE COURT IS INTERESTED IN, 8 NOT BE OBLIGATED TO EFFECT SERVICE DOES NOT MEAN PRECLUDED. IT 9 DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE UNITED STATES IS PRECLUDED FROM ASKING 10 THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES TO EFFECT SERVICE. 11 BUT THAT'S -- THAT ONLY GOES SO FAR BECAUSE THE 12 QUESTION IS WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE DID. AND IT'S THE -- AND 13 WHAT I'M GOING TO SAY NOW I ALSO MAKE AS AN OFFER OF PROOF FOR 14 THE COURT'S CONSIDERATION, AND THAT IS THAT BASED ON THE 15 LANGUAGE OF THAT AGREEMENT, AND THE -- THIS NOT OBLIGATE TO 16 EFFECT SERVICE, COUPLED WITH THE EXPERIENCE IN THE RELATIONSHIP 17 WITH THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES, IT'S THE JUDGMENT OF OIA THAT IF WE ASK THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES TO EFFECT SERVICE IN THE CASE 18 19 THEY WOULD NOT DO SO. 20 THEY HAVE THE DISCRETION NOT TO DO SO. THAT'S WHAT THE LANGUAGE THAT THE COURT INTERESTED IN MEANS AND IT'S THE 21 22 JUDGMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT THAT THEY WOULD NOT EFFECT SERVICE. 23 THE COURT: IS THAT JUDGMENT BINDING ON THIS COURT OR 24 IS -- WHY SHOULD IT BE AUTHORITATIVE? WE'RE IN COURT THIS IS

NOT ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING, WHY IS THEIR JUDGMENT IN ANY

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              MR. AXELROD: I'M NOT SUGGESTING IT'S BINDING ON THE
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      SUM TOTAL OF THE DEPARTMENT'S PERSPECTIVE, AND THEY'RE THE
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      ONES -- WE, THE DEPARTMENT, ARE THE ONES WHO ARE IN THIS
      AGREEMENT WITH THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES, WE HAVE THE EXPERTISE
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     AND EXPERIENCE IN WORKING THROUGH IT.
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               SO THAT IS THE DEPARTMENT'S PERSPECTIVE ON THIS AND,
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     YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT'S WHERE THE MATTER STANDS.
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               THE COURT: IF YOU SAY, YOU STARTED BY SAYING THIS IS
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     IN THE NATURE OF AN OFFER OF PROOF --
              MR. AXELROD: THAT'S CORRECT.
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               THE COURT: -- THAT SIGNALS ME IT'S NOT IN THE CURRENT
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     RECORD, CORRECT?
              MR. AXELROD: THAT'S CORRECT.
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               THE COURT: WHAT IS -- IS THERE A SPECIFIC DOCUMENT
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     THAT YOU HAVE REFERENCE TO?
               MR. AXELROD: WELL, WE HAVE THE AGREEMENT IN THE --
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     THE AGREEMENT IN THE RECORD BECAUSE WE MADE AN EXHIBIT. THERE
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      IS NO DECLARATION FROM THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS,
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      ALTHOUGH IF THAT IS IMPORTANT TO THE COURT THAT'S SOMETHING
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      THAT WE COULD OBTAIN.
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               THE COURT: BUT YOU'RE NOT SAYING THERE SOME SORT OF
     ADMINISTRATIVE RULING OR REGULATION?
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               MR. AXELROD: NO, I'M NOT SAYING THAT.
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THE COURT: THIS IS AN OPINION OF SOME REPRESENTATIVE 1 2 OF THAT AGENCY? 3 MR. AXELROD: CORRECT. 4 THE COURT: AND YOU'VE SPOKEN TO THEM AND THAT'S WHAT 5 YOU'RE REPRESENTING TO THE COURT? MR. AXELROD: THAT IS CORRECT. 6 7 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. MS. RODDY, WOULD YOU LIKE TO 8 RESPOND? 9 MS. RODDY: YES, YOUR HONOR. I WOULD POINT OUT THAT 10 AND IN ADDITION TO THE LANGUAGE IN ARTICLE 8, AND WE AGREE 11 COMPLETELY WITH THE GOVERNMENT THAT THERE IS NO AUTHORITY THAT 12 NOT BEING OBLIGATED TO DO SOMETHING MEANS YOU'RE PRECLUDED. 13 BUT ARTICLE 21 IN THAT SAME AGREEMENT ALSO SAYS THAT THE PARTIES MAY ALSO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO ANY OTHER 14 15 ARRANGEMENT, AGREEMENT OR PRACTICE. 16 AND THE PANGANG DEFENDANTS HAVE SUBMITTED A COUPLE OF 17 LARGE VIEW NOTES THAT DEAL WITH THE ISSUE OF EXTRADITION 18 RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA WHICH WAS THE 19 CLOSEST WE COULD GET IN TERMS OF AUTHORITY IS EXTRADITION OF 20 INDIVIDUALS. 21 THE COURT: THERE IS AN EXTRADITION TREATY? MS. RODDY: THERE IS NO EXTRADITION. 22 23 THE COURT: THAT'S WHAT I UNDERSTOOD THE ARTICLES TO SAY. 24 25 MS. RODDY: CORRECT. THERE SO NO EXTRADITION TREATY

BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA, MORE BECAUSE OF THE UNITED 1 2 STATE'S POSITIONS THEN BECAUSE OF CHINA'S. 3 CHINA IS MORE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT PARTICIPATING IN 4 INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE COOPERATION THAN THE U.S. WHEN 5 IT COMES TO CHINA. 6 BUT WHAT THOSE ARTICLES -- OR THOSE NOTES DO SHOW 7 THROUGH ANTIDOTAL EVIDENCE IS THAT BEFORE AND AFTER THE MLAA 8 WAS EXECUTED THE U.S. AND CHINA HAD BOTH PARTICIPATED 9 INFORMALLY ON AN AD HOC BASIS IN WORKING TOGETHER WITH 10 EXTRADITION, AND BOTH HAVE RETURNED SUSPECTS TO THE OTHER 11 COUNTRY. 12 SO I'M NOT SURE THAT IT'S CONCLUSIVE THAT JUST BECAUSE 13 THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS DISCRETION UNDER THE MLAA THAT IT 14 NECESSARILY MEANS THAT IT WOULD BE FUTILE TO ASK THE CHINESE 15 GOVERNMENT. 16 THE COURT: YOU'RE ARGUING BY ANALOGY THIS TREATY? 17 MS. RODDY: IT'S NOT -- THERE'S NO TREATY. THE COURT: THE AGREEMENT? 18 19 MS. RODDY: YES. THE COURT: THE MLAA? 20 21 MS. RODDY: RIGHT. ATTEMPTING TO ASK THE CHINESE 22 GOVERNMENT, THE LANGUAGE IN THE AGREEMENT IN NO WAY MEANS THAT 23 IT'S A FORGONE CONCLUSION THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT WOULD SAY 24 NO OR THAT EFFORTS TO APPROACH THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE

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FUTILE.

THE COURT: WANT TO REPLY TO THAT?

MR. AXELROD: I DO. A COUPLE POINTS.

FIRST OF ALL, THE -- I THINK, THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S

POSITION IS ENTITLED TO SOME DEFERENCE BECAUSE THIS AGREEMENT

SPECIFICALLY SAYS IT DOESN'T CREATE ANY RIGHTS ANY PRIVATE

PARTIES, IT'S AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED

STATES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA.

AND SO, YOU KNOW, THE UNITED STATES IS ENGAGED AND IN THE PRACTICE OF THIS RELATIONSHIP AND THE USE OF THIS AGREEMENT, AND SO THE FACT THERE'S A THEORETICAL POSSIBILITY THAT WE COULD MAKE THE REQUEST EXIST, BUT IT'S GOT TO BE BALANCED AGAINST THE CONSIDERED JUDGMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT WHO ROUTINELY IS ENGAGED IN THESE BACK AND FORTH WITH THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES.

I ALSO THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, IN LOOKING AT THE LAW REVIEW ARTICLES, SURE IT'S ONE THING TO FIND, YOU KNOW, ONE EXAMPLE OF AN EXTRADITION WHERE THERE'S A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL INTEREST, IT'S QUITE ANOTHER TO IMAGINE IT IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS PARTICULAR CASE WHERE THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE INDICTMENT ARE THE VERY ENTITIES THAT ARE HERE BEFORE THE COURT ARE CONTROLLED BY THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

THE COURT: MS. RODDY, LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION.

GOVERNMENT COUNSEL HAS MADE AN OFFER OF PROOF -- PROFFER WITH

RESPECT TO THE OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT POSITION FROM THE AGENCY WHO

HAS JURISDICTION, WHAT IS THE DEFENDANT'S POSITION WITH RESPECT

TO THE WEIGHT TO BE GIVEN OR WHETHER I SHOULD BE EVEN ALLOW THE 1 2 GOVERNMENT TO FILE SOMETHING OF THAT ILK? 3 MS. RODDY: YOUR HONOR, IT'S CERTAINLY SOMETHING TO BE 4 CONSIDERED. I AGREE THAT IT IS. I AGREE WITH MR. AXELROD IT'S 5 NOT BINDING ON THIS COURT IN ANY WAY, AND IT DOES SOUND IT, AS HE MENTIONED, IT'S THEIR OPINION OF WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THEY 6 7 TRIED TO USE THESE EXISTING CHANNELS. 8 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. I UNDERSTAND. 9 YES. 10 MR. AXELROD: JUST ON THIS ISSUE OF SERVICE I JUST 11 WANT TO POINT OUT TO THE COURT THAT EVEN IF, AS I UNDERSTAND, I DON'T WANT TO RUN AFOUL OF THE COURT'S RULING, SO PLEASE STOP 12 13 ME IF I'M GOING TOO FAR, BUT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT UNDER THE 14 DEFENDANT'S ARGUMENT EVEN IF WE WERE TO EFFECT SERVICE, EVEN IF 15 THE CHINESE SERVE THESE PEOPLE IN CHINA, THE DEFENSE WOULD STILL SAY THAT'S INSUFFICIENT UNDER RULE 4. 16 17 IN OTHER WORDS, EVEN IF YOU GO TO THAT TROUBLE AND EVEN IF THE CHINESE WERE TO DO IT WOULDN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE 18 19 BECAUSE YOU STILL WOULDN'T SATISFY RULE 4. SO THERE'S A, I THINK, THAT'S PART OF THIS AND THAT'S 20 21 PROBLEMATIC. THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. I'LL CHANGE WHAT I SAID 22 23 BEFORE, WHAT'S YOUR RESPONSE TO THAT? 24 MS. RODDY: WELL, I THINK, WHAT HE'S GETTING AT IS,

REGARDLESS, I THINK WHAT THE GOVERNMENT IS SAYING, REGARDLESS

IT WOULD BE FUTILE. THAT THEY'RE NEVER GOING TO BE ABLE TO 1 2 MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 4. 3 THE COURT: I THINK, THEY'RE SAYING THAT YOU'RE SAYING TT --4 5 MS. RODDY: FAIR ENOUGH. THE COURT: DO YOU AGREE THAT, LET'S ASSUME THE 6 7 GOVERNMENT IS WRONG AND THE GOVERNMENT WERE TO EFFECT SERVICE 8 ON THE MLAA, THAT -- BECAUSE I DON'T -- I THINK THE DEFENDANTS 9 SORT OF HAS TO TAKE A POSITION HERE, WOULD YOUR POSITION -- AND 10 I DON'T WANT TO GO THROUGH ANOTHER ROUND OF MOTIONS FOR 11 NOTHING, SO LET'S SEE WHAT WERE REALLY DEALING WITH. 12 MR. FELDMAN. 13 MR. FELDMAN: YOUR HONOR, TO BE AS CANDID I HAVE TO BE 14 WITH YOUR HONOR, I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION. I 15 REALLY DO NOT. I ABSOLUTELY DO NOT. 16 SO I SEE NO AUTHORITY ABOUT IT. DON'T KNOW ANYTHING 17 ABOUT IT. NOT BEFORE YOU TODAY. 18 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. 19 MR. AXELROD: I JUST WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR BECAUSE THE 20 ARGUMENT, AS I UNDERSTAND IT FROM THE DEFENSE, IS LOOK RULE 4 21 HAS TWO COMPONENTS, RIGHT? 22 ONE IS YOU GOT TO SERVE THE MANAGING AGENT, GENERAL 23 AGENT, ET CETERA, AND THE OTHER IS THIS MAILING REQUIREMENT. 24 YOU GOT TO MAIL TO THE PRINCIPLE PLACE OF BUSINESS IN THE 25 UNITED STATES OR IN THE DISTRICT.

AND IT SEEMS TO ME BY THE ARGUMENT THAT THEY'VE MADE 1 2 AND THE LOGICAL EXTENSION OF THAT ARGUMENT IS, WELL, MAYBE, 3 MAYBE, AND THE CASE THAT THEY CITED, YOU KNOW, AND THIS DOESN'T SAY MAKING SERVICE THROUGH THE TREATY WOULD ACTUALLY BE 4 5 SUFFICIENT, BUT MAYBE YOU MAKE -- YOU EFFECT SERVICE THROUGH 6 THE TREATY, THEY'RE SERVED, BUT YOU DON'T GET THERE ANYWAY 7 BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE PRINCIPLE PLACE OF BUSINESS IN THE 8 UNITED STATES. 9 NOW, WE ENTIRELY DISAGREE WITH THE EXISTENCE OF 10 PRINCIPLE PLACE OF BUSINESS IN THE UNITED STATES, BUT THAT'S 11 THEIR POSITION. SO IT SEEMS TO ME THE LOGICAL NEXT STEP FROM THAT 12 13 POSITION IS, WELL, YEAH, YOU CAN GO THROUGH THIS TROUBLE TO 14 EFFECT SERVICE IN CHINA AND IT WOULDN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE WE'D 15 STILL BE RIGHT BACK HERE BEFORE THE COURT ARGUING ABOUT THE 16 SAME ISSUES. 17 THE COURT: LET'S ARGUE ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE NOW AND 18 WE'LL WORRY ABOUT THAT IF WE EVER HAVE TO DO IT AGAIN. 19 QUESTION 1C, THE COURT ASKED ABOUT ALTERNATIVE MEANS 20 BY WHICH THE GOVERNMENT COULD ATTEMPT TO EFFECT SERVICE ON 21 PANGANG DEFENDANTS? MR. AXELROD: RIGHT. THE ANSWER THERE IS THERE ARE NO 22 23 ALTERNATIVE MEANS. THE COURT INDICATED ONE IS ROGATORY AND THE 24 WAY I'VE EXPLAINED IT IS THIS.

YOU HAVE -- THERE'S THE MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE

AGREEMENT, RIGHT, THERE'S THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH TREATY WITH THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES, AND THAT'S A LEGALLY BINDING AGREEMENT WHICH REQUIRES THE PARTIES TO DO CERTAIN THINGS.

AND WITH RESPECT TO THE PROVISION THAT WE'VE

INTERESTED IN, IT INVESTS IN THE PARTIES THE DISCRETION WHETHER

TO EFFECT SERVICE OR NOT.

STEP DOWN. THEN YOU'RE AT THE LETTERS ROGATORY

PROCESS. THE LETTERS ROGATORY IS AN ENTIRELY DISCRETIONARY

PROCESS. IT IS A JUDICIAL CREATURE THAT'S BASED ON PRINCIPLES

OF COMEDY, AND SO THERE'S NO -- THERE'S MUCH LESS GUARANTEE OR

ASSURE THAT ANYTHING IS GOING TO BE DONE IN THE LETTER ROGATORY

CONTEXT BECAUSE YOU'RE IN AN ENTIRELY DISCRETIONARY REALM.

PUT DIFFERENTLY IF THEY'RE NOT GOING TO DO IT UNDER
TREATY THEY'RE NOT GOING TO DO IT UNDER LETTER ROGATORY. THAT,
AGAIN, THAT IS THE EXPERIENCE OF THE DEPARTMENT, NOT JUST IN
THE CONTEXT OF CHINA, BUT IN THE CONTEXT OF ITS RELATIONS
GENERALLY.

THE COURT: THE QUESTION IS, LET ME SEE IF I CAN
RECHARACTERIZE YOUR ANSWER AND I'LL LET YOU CORRECT THE COURT
IF I'M WRONG.

THERE ARE ALTERNATE MEANS BY WHICH THE GOVERNMENT

COULD HAVE ATTEMPTED TO EFFECT LEGAL PROCESS, BUT YOU'RE

SAYING, EG THE LETTERS ROGATORY, BUT THAT AS WELL WOULD BE

YOU'RE SAYING EVEN MORE FUTILE ACT THEN TRYING TO GO UNDER THE

MLAA?

1 MR. AXELROD: THAT'S CORRECT. 2 THE COURT: MS. RODDY. 3 MS. RODDY: YOUR HONOR --4 THE COURT: HERE YOU'RE BACK IS AGAINST THE WALL A 5 LITTLE BIT BECAUSE IF YOU SAY TO ME, SURE, THEY COULD HAVE DONE 6 IT THIS WAY, THEN THEY GO AND DO IT THAT WAY AND THEY'RE 7 SUCCESSFUL, YOUR MAKE AN ADMISSION -- A JUDICIAL ESTOPPEL ON 8 THE PART OF YOUR CLIENT, POSSIBLY, I DON'T KNOW, BUT THAT'S WHY 9 I NEED A VERY DIRECT ANSWER FROM YOU. 10 MS. RODDY: YOUR HONOR, WE WOULD AGREE WITH 11 MR. AXELROD'S STATEMENT REGARDING HOW LETTERS ROGATORY WORK, 12 AND WE ARE -- LIKE THE GOVERNMENT WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY 13 MECHANISM THAT EXISTS THAT WOULD REQUIRE CHINA TO SERVE OUR 14 CLIENTS. 15 THE COURT: SO YOU DON'T THINK IT'S DISPOSITIVE THAT 16 THERE MAYBE THIS OTHER METHOD OUT THERE, DISPOSITIVE OF THIS 17 MOTION, THAT THERE MAYBE THIS OTHER WAY OUT THERE THAT MAY --18 WHERE THE GOVERNMENT MIGHT IN ITS WISDOM THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT MIGHT AGREE TO ACCEPT SERVICE. THAT DOESN'T REALLY -- CONTROL 19 20 THE OUTCOME OF THIS MOTION. 21 MS. RODDY: EXACTLY. I THINK, BOTH SIDES OF THAT 22 POINT ARE TRUE. WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT FUTILITY, FROM OUR 23 PERSPECTIVE FUTILITY, THE EXISTENCE OF IT DOES NOT GET US TO A 24 POINT WHERE THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 4 DON'T HAVE TO BE

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THE COURT: SO WHEN YOUR STRIP IT ALL DOWN THE DEFENDANTS THEY'RE ESSENTIALLY SAYING THE GOVERNMENT'S OUT OF LUCK, THERE REALLY ISN'T ANYWAY GIVEN THE FACTS OF THIS CASE BY WHICH THEY COULD BRING THE PANGANG DEFENDANTS BEFORE THIS COURT? MS. RODDY: I THINK, THAT OVERSTATES THE POSITIONS SLIGHTLY, IN THAT THEIR METHOD, THERE'S AVENUES THAT THE GOVERNMENT COULD HAVE PURSUED UNDER THE MLAA. WE HAVE THE PROFFERED OPINION OF THEIR OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. THAT IS AN OPINION, BUT WE DON'T KNOW IF THEY TRIED THIS EXISTING AVENUE. AND IT'S ALSO UNCLEAR THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS WORKS VERY CLOSELY WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE, I THINK, THESE ARE ISSUES THAT WE ADDRESSED IN OUR PAPERS, BUT THE -- THIS IS REALLY A MUCH LARGER ISSUE. AND I'M NOT SURE IF THEY CONSULTED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OR OTHER ENTITIES ABOUT HOW TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN WITH THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT. BUT WE DO AGREE THAT THERE IS NOTHING THAT WOULD COMPEL CHINA TO COMPLY. THE COURT: WANT TO SAY SOMETHING? MR. AXELROD: I DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT LAST POINT

MR. AXELROD: I DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT LAST POINT
BECAUSE THERE IS A LEGALLY BINDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO
GOVERNMENTS. THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IS THE
COMPETENT AUTHORITY FROM THE UNITED STATES, THEY DEAL WITH THIS
ALL THE TIME, THEY HAVE THE EXPERTISE.

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THERE'S NO OTHER AVENUE TO GO DOWN. I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE STATE DEPARTMENT ISSUES. I MEAN, THERE'S AN AGREEMENT, IT HAS CERTAIN PROVISIONS, THAT'S THE LANDSCAPE. THE COURT: THE LANDSCAPE IS ALSO THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BELIEVES THAT THE CHINESE ARE NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE MLAA. MR. AXELROD: WITH RESPECT TO THAT PROVISION, THAT'S CORRECT. THEY HAVE THE DISCRETION. THE COURT: LET'S MOVE ONTO QUESTION NUMBER THREE AND START WITH THE GOVERNMENT HERE. THIS HAS TO DO WITH THE ARGUMENT MADE OR THE HOLDING OF THE KRAMER MOTORS CASE WITH RESPECT TO THE FACT THERE -- ALLEGEDLY A GOVERNMENT ENTITY INVOLVED IN THIS CASE AND HOW THAT MIGHT IMPACT THE COURT'S RULING. MR. HEMANN: SO, YOUR HONOR, WE THINK THE ANSWER TO THE COURT'S QUESTION IS NO. AND THE REASON FOR THAT, IS THAT THE KRAMER -- THE SECTION OF THE KRAMER DECISION THE COURT REFERS TO RAISES A JURISDICTIONAL ISSUE UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES THAT ARE NOT PRESENT IN THIS CASE. AS I UNDERSTAND THE KRAMER OPINION IT HAD TO DO WITH A STATEMENT MADE BY A COURT IN THE SECOND CIRCUIT WITH REGARD TO A -- I'M SORRY, THE NINTH CIRCUIT, WITH REGARD TO A CIRCUMSTANCE THAT ARISES UNDER THE FOREIGN ACTS WITH FORUM AFFECTS JURISDICTIONAL PRINCIPLE.

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AND THAT IS NOT WHAT IS AT ISSUE IN THIS CASE. WE DON'T HAVE A SITUATION IN WHICH OUR CASE RESTS IN ANY WAY ON FOREIGN ACTIONS THAT HAVE AN EFFECT IN THE UNITED STATES. SO WE THINK WE'RE OUT OF THE REALM THAT THE COURTS ARE TALKING ABOUT CONSIDERING THE IMPACT OF THE OWNERSHIP OF THE DEFENDANTS BY THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AS IT'S RAISED IN THE KRAMER CASE. OKAY. NOW, OBVIOUSLY, WE ARE ALLEGING IN THE COMPLAINT OR IN THE INDICTMENT, IT'S IN THE VERY NATURE OF THE ECONOMIC ESPIONAGE ACT CHARGES, THAT A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT WAS THE BENEFICIARY OF THE THEFT OF TRADE SECRETS. IT'S PART AND PARCEL OF THE CHARGES. AND SO CONGRESS CLEARLY GAVE SOME THOUGHT TO THE IDEA THAT SOME FOREIGN DECISION MAKING WAS AT ISSUE AND THAT THAT --THOSE ISSUES WOULD BE LITIGATED IN U.S. COURTS. PART OF THE ISSUE. NOW, WHETHER WE CAN BRING THESE DEFENDANTS INTO THIS COURT WE THINK IS NOT A MATTER FOR RULE 4 IN TERMS OF SERVICE. PARTICULARLY THE WAY THAT WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO EFFECT SERVICE THROUGH A COMMERCIAL SUBSIDIARY IN THE UNITED STATES. THE COURT: LATER TIME. GOD FORBID WE HAVE MORE MOTIONS. MR. HEMANN: GOD FORBID WE HAVE MORE MOTIONS. THE COURT: THAT ISSUE IS RAISED, LET'S SAY, THE COURT FIND SERVICE WAS PROPER, COULD BE PROPER, THEY'RE NOT, AT

LEAST, THE COURT WILL HAVE RULED THERE'S VALID SERVICE. 1 2 I'M ASSUMING THAT STANDS AND THE DEFENDANTS THEN MOVE 3 TO DISMISS THE INDICTMENT FOR LACK OF PERSONAL JURISDICTION, THEN YOU'RE SAYING THE KRAMER DECISION MIGHT COME INTO PLAY? 4 5 MR. HEMANN: IT MIGHT. IF THE PREMISE FOR EXERCISING JURISDICTION IS FOREIGN ACTS WITH A DOMESTIC EFFECT, WHICH IS 6 7 WHAT I UNDERSTAND THE KRAMER DECISION TO BE FOCUSED ON. 8 OUR CASE OUR JURISDICTIONAL ARGUMENT WOULD BE THAT 9 IT'S BASED ON CONTACTS WITH -- DIRECT CONTACTS WITH THE UNITED 10 STATES NOT, YOU KNOW, YOU CAN IMAGINE MOST OF THE PERSONAL 11 JURISDICTION CASES INVOLVING OVERSEAS DEFENDANTS ARE A PRODUCT 12 DESIGN IN SOME OTHER COUNTRY THAT 10 YEARS LATER HAS A CAR 13 ACCIDENT HAPPENING IN INDIANA AND WHETHER THAT FOREIGN DECISION 14 CAN BRING THE DEFENDANT INTO THE STATE OF INDIANA. 15 THIS IS A CASE IN WHICH WE HAVE EMPLOYEES OF THE DEFENDANT COMPANIES COMING INTO THE UNITED STATES. WE HAVE 16 17 CONTRACTS BETWEEN PARTIES IN THE UNITED STATES AND FOREIGN 18 COMPANIES OWNED BY THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, AND WE HAVE 19 SIGNIFICANT SUMS OF MONEY BEING PAID FROM CHINA INTO THE UNITED 20 STATES. 21 SO OUR CASE IS BASED ON ACTUAL CONTACTS WITH THE FORUM, NOT A FOREIGN DECISION THAT HAS AN INDIRECT EFFECT IN 22 23 THE UNITED STATES, WHICH IS WHAT I UNDERSTAND THIS TO BE. IT COULD ALSO BE RAISED IF THERE'S A FOREIGN SOVEREIGN 24 25 IMMUNITY TYPE ARGUMENTS, I TELL THE COURT THERE'S A FAIRLY

1 SIGNIFICANT BODY OF CASES, BOTH UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE 2 FOREIGN SOVEREIGN IMMUNITIES ACT, IN WHICH COMMERCIAL 3 ACTIVITIES ARE ACCEPTED FROM FOREIGN SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY. SO IF A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT IS ACTING IN A COMMERCIAL 4 5 MANNER AS WE ALLEGED THE PANGANG GROUP COMPANIES WERE IN THIS 6 CASE, YOU CAN BRING A CASE AGAINST THE ENTITY AND PRESUMABLY, 7 ALTHOUGH, WE HAVEN'T, AGAINST THE FOREIGN GOVERNMENT ENTITY THAT WAS DRIVING THE COMMERCIAL BEHAVIOR. 8 9 BUT, AGAIN, THAT'S NOT BEFORE THE COURT RIGHT NOW, AND 10 I WOULD SUGGEST THAT MAYBE SOMETIME DOWN THE ROAD THAT WOULD 11 BE, GOD FORBID AS YOU SAID, ANOTHER MOTION, BUT NOT FOR RULE 4 12 PURPOSES. THE COURT: MR. FELDMAN. 13 14 MR. FELDMAN: YOUR HONOR, AS MR. MR. HEMANN CORRECTLY 15 SAID THE ISSUE OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT IS AN ELEMENT 16 OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CASE. 17 SO I AM NOT GOING TO, IF YOU WILL, WITH RESPECT ACCEPT -- ACCEPT -- EXCEPT FOR PURPOSES OF ARGUMENT THE PREMISE OF 18 19 OUESTION THREE. BUT ACCEPTING IT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ARGUMENT 20 21 THE COURT: WHICH PART OF THE PREMISE DO YOU --22 WHETHER THE PANGANG DEFENDANTS ARE STATE OWNED? 23 MR. FELDMAN: OF COURSE. I DO NOT ACCEPT. 24 THE COURT: IT'S AN ALLEGATION, I UNDERSTAND THAT. 25 MR. FELDMAN: BUT IF YOUR HONOR WERE TO ASK ME TO

ACCEPT THAT FOR PURPOSE OF THIS ARGUMENT -- I HAVE SOME 1 ANSWERS. 2 3 THE COURT: I DO. MR. FELDMAN: I THINK, ACTUALLY THE FIRST THING I 4 5 WOULD SAY, IS THAT MR. MR. HEMANN REFERRED TO -- AND THE FIRST 6 THING I WOULD SAY, I HADN'T REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT IT UNTIL YOU 7 ASKED THE QUESTION. 8 WE DID IN OUR PAPERS URGE UPON YOU CAUTION FOR A 9 RELATED REASON, WHICH IS THAT IT WOULD BE A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT 10 WERE THE UNITED STATES TO, IF YOU WILL, WILLIE NILLIE SAY THAT 11 SUBSIDIARIES GIVE JURISDICTION OVER FOREIGN PARENTS BECAUSE 12 TURNAROUND WOULD BE FAIR PLAY. AND WHILE WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC EXAMPLES, THE DEPARTMENT 13 14 HAS NO SPECIFIC EXAMPLES WITH RESPECT TO THE FIRST QUESTION 15 THAT YOU ASKED AND YOU DIDN'T HEAR ANY, WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC 16 EXAMPLES. 17 IT'S NOT FAR FETCHED TO IMAGINE THAT IF WE START DOING 18 THAT WITH NO BASIS, THAT IS TO SAY, HOLDING PARENT CORPORATIONS 19 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTS OF SUBSIDIARIES, THE SAME WOULD HAPPEN 20 TO THE UNITED STATES CORPORATIONS. 21 THAT WE DID URGE UPON YOUR HONOR IN OUR PAPERS, WITH 22 NO AUTHORITY BECAUSE IT'S JUST COMMON SENSE. WE HAVE NO BASIS 23 FOR THAT.

GRAND JURY ALLEGES THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT CAUSED CRIMINAL

THE COURT: YOU'RE NOT ARGUING IF IT'S TRUE AS THE

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ACTIONS TO OCCUR IN THE UNITED STATES, THAT IF THEY'RE CHINESE STATE OWNED ENTITIES HAVE DONE SO, THAT THEY SHOULDN'T BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE IN THE UNITED STATES? MR. FELDMAN: I'M NOT ARGUING THAT. THAT'S NOT THE POINT THAT WE'RE MAKING. WHAT MY POINT WAS THAT IF CORPORATIONS WHICH ARE PROPERLY FORMED ARE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTIONS OF SUBSIDIARIES WHICH ARE PROPERLY FORMED, UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES PRESENT BEFORE YOUR HONOR, IN THIS CONTEXT THE SAME CAN BE DONE TO UNITED STATES CORPORATIONS AND WE DON'T THINK THAT WOULD BE A GOOD PRECEDENT. BUT THAT'S A DIFFERENT QUESTION THAN THE ONE THAT YOU ASKED. THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. MR. FELDMAN: THE QUESTION THAT YOU ASKED I MUST CONFESS I HADN'T THOUGHT ABOUT VERY MUCH UNTIL YOUR HONOR POSED IT TO US. AND IT DID OCCUR TO ME -- US UPON LOOKING AT IT THAT IT IS A TREMENDOUS CONCERN AND A TREMENDOUS COMPLEXITY. THE SIMPLE ANSWERS, IN MY VIEW TO THE QUESTION THAT YOU POSED, LIE IN A COMPARISON OF CRIMINAL RULE 4 AND CIVIL RULE 4. BECAUSE IN CIVIL RULE 4 THERE ARE SPECIFIC -- I WANT TO BE VERY CLEAR ABOUT THIS, THERE ARE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR

SERVING FOREIGN CORPORATIONS THAT ARE ABROAD.

AND EVEN MORE IMPORTANTLY IN ANSWER TO YOUR HONOR'S

QUESTION, THERE'S AN ENTIRE PROVISION OF CIVIL RULE 4 FOR

SERVING FOREIGN INSTRUMENTALITIES, WHICH IS WHAT THE INDICTMENT

ALLEGES THE PANGANG DEFENDANTS ARE.

TO ANSWER YOUR SPECIFIC QUESTION, THERE IS NO

COMPARABLE PROVISION IN CRIMINAL RULE 4. SO CIVIL RULE 4 HAS

SPECIFIC RULES FOR SERVING FOREIGN CORPORATIONS AND FOREIGN -
AND MORE IMPORTANTLY FOREIGN INSTRUMENTALITIES.

THE DRAFTERS OF THE RULES CONTEMPLATED THAT. THERE IS NOTHING COMPARABLE IN CRIMINAL RULE 4. THAT'S A GLARING DIFFERENCE. THAT'S NUMBER ONE.

NUMBER TWO, WITH RESPECT TO THE STATUTE THAT WE ARE HERE ABOUT, THAT IS TO SAY, THE ECONOMIC ESPIONAGE STATUTE WHICH WAS RAISED BY COUNSEL, THERE IS NOTHING IN THAT STATUTE THAT WOULD REQUIRE THAT FOREIGN INSTRUMENTALITIES BE PROSECUTED.

SO LET THE COURT NOT BE CONFUSED OR LEAD INTO THINKING THAT THE EXISTENCE OF THAT STATUTE REQUIRES THAT AN ALLEGED TO BE FOREIGN INSTRUMENTALITY NEEDS TO BE PROSECUTED FOR THERE TO BE ENFORCEMENT AND STRENGTH TO THAT STATUTE. THAT IS NOT CORRECT.

ONE COULD ARGUE THAT THE STATUTE DOESN'T EVEN

CONTEMPLATE THOSE KINDS OF PROSECUTIONS, THAT IS TO SAY,

PROSECUTIONS OF FOREIGN INSTRUMENTALITIES, BUT YOU DON'T NEED

TO REACH THAT.

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THE COURT: THAT WOULD BE THE PROPER SUBJECT OF A MOTION TO DISMISS THE INDICTMENT. MR. FELDMAN: CORRECT. CERTAINLY NOT REQUIRED, THAT IS TO SAY, CERTAINLY NOT REQUIRED FOR THAT STATUTE TO HAVE FORCE AND EFFECT AND POWER. SO THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION 3B, IN MY VIEW, IS A COMPLICATED ONE. IT RELATES TO THE FACT THERE'S AN ENTIRE BODY OF LAW THAT MR. MR. HEMANN REFERRED TO WITH RESPECT TO FOREIGN SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY, WHICH IS NOT BEFORE YOU. IT SHOULD BE RESOLVED, IN MY VIEW, BY COMPARING THE VERY SIMPLE CRIMINAL RULE TO THE VERY COMPLICATED AND SPECIFIC CIVIL RULE, AND BY RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT THE STATUTE THAT WE'RE HERE ABOUT CAN BE WELL ENFORCED WITHOUT AFFECTING FOREIGN INSTRUMENTALITIES. MR. HEMANN: AND, I THINK, THAT MR. FELDMAN'S PRESENTATION UNDERSCORES THE DEFENDANT'S BASIC POINT THAT MR. AXELROD ALLUDED TO EARLIER. THE DEFENDANT'S POSITION IS THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SERVE THESE COMPANIES IN THIS CASE AT ALL. WE CAN NEVER MAIL THE SUMMONS TO THE COMPANIES. AND WHAT THEY WANT THE COURT TO DO IS TO INTERPRET RULE 4 TO PRECLUDE THE UNITED STATES FROM TAKING ACTION AGAINST CHINESE COMPANIES THAT STOLE TRADE SECRETS IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE COURT: ISN'T WHAT MR. FELDMAN SAID TRUE IN A

SENSE THAT, LET'S SAY, JUST MAKING THIS SORT OF EXTREME

EXAMPLE, JUST LIKE I GRANTED MR. FELDMAN WASN'T MAKE ANY

ADMISSIONS, THE GOVERNMENT ISN'T, THERE'S NO GENERAL AGENT HERE

AND THE PARENT, THE INDICTED DEFENDANT PANGANG GROUP, THAT

ORGANIZATION IS NOT IN THE UNITED STATES, THAT THEN THEY CANNOT

BE PROSECUTED BECAUSE THEY COULD NEVER BE SERVED?

MR. HEMANN: CORRECT.

THE COURT: SO, I THINK, YOU ALL AGREE THAT WHAT -YOU DON'T AGREE, IT MAY VERY WELL BE THE WAY THIS CASE IS
POSTURED, THE WAY THIS MOTION IS POSTURED, THAT IF THE MOTION
IS GRANTED, IT MAY WELL BE THAT THE PANGANG GROUP CANNOT BE
PROSECUTED IN THE UNITED STATES.

MR. HEMANN: BUT THERE'S AN ADDITION TO MR. FELDMAN'S ARGUMENT THAT THE COURT DIDN'T MENTION. WHICH IS, EVEN WHEN THERE IS A GENERAL AGENT IN THE UNITED STATES, WHICH IS OBVIOUSLY THE SUBJECT OF OUR DISAGREEMENT, THE DEFENDANT'S POSITION IS WE STILL CAN NEVER SERVE.

BECAUSE YOU HAVE A CIRCUMSTANCE, AND THIS LEADS A

LITTLE BIT INTO WHAT THE EVIDENCE IS IN RESPONSE TO THE COURT'S

QUESTION NUMBER FOUR, BUT WE HAVE A CIRCUMSTANCE IN THIS CASE

WHERE A CONSCIOUS DECISION WAS MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE

PANGANG GROUP TO PLACE AN AGENT IN THE UNITED STATES, TO ENJOY

THE BENEFITS AND PROTECTIONS OF AMERICAN LAW.

AND THE POSITION IS NOTWITHSTANDING THAT AND A DECISION, YOUR HONOR, TO PUT A NORTH AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS,

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THAT'S THE -- I'LL POINT THE COURT TO THAT LANGUAGE IN THE LETTER FROM CHAIRMAN FAN, CHAIRMAN FAN WRITES A LETTER TO THE CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION SERVICE SAYING OUR NORTH AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IS GOING TO BE WITH PAN AMERICA IN NEW JERSEY. SO WE NEED TO BE VERY SPECIFIC ABOUT WHERE WE ARE IN -- WITH REGARD TO THIS BEING A CHINESE GOVERNMENT ENTITY AND THE ROLE OF THAT. THEY'RE ENGAGED IN A COMMERCIAL PURPOSE AND CHINA FOR BETTER OR WORSE, ALL JUDGMENT ASIDE, ORGANIZES ITS ECONOMY AROUND STATE OWNED ENTERPRISES. SO CHINA HAS MADE A CHOICE TO ENGAGE IN COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES THAT INCLUDE COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES THAT DIRECTLY IMPACT THE UNITED STATES AND COMMERCIAL ENTITIES THAT ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE BENEFITS AND PROTECTIONS OF U.S. LAW. THEY PUT A NORTH AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS HERE AND NOW THEY'RE SAYING HAVING DONE THAT YOU CAN'T SERVE US, YOU CAN NEVER SERVE US, BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE A GENERAL AGENT. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, AND THIS IS THE CRUX OF THE DEFENDANT'S ARGUMENT IN THEIR OPPOSITION BRIEF, WE DON'T HAVE A HEADQUARTERS HERE. OUR HEADQUARTERS IS IN CHENGDU, YOU CAN'T MAIL IT TO CHENGDU BECAUSE YOU'RE PRECLUDED BY LAW FROM MAILING IT TO CHENGDU, SO YOU'RE OUT. SO, I MEAN, IT IS A CURIOUS ARGUMENT TO SAY THAT YOU REACH INTO THE UNITED STATES TO DO BUSINESS IN THE UNITED

STATES. THERE ARE REAMES OF PAPER IN FRONT OF YOUR HONOR

REFLECTING THEIR BUSINESS ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED STATES, BUT
YOU SIMPLY CAN'T NOW AND CAN NEVER SERVE THESE ENTITIES BECAUSE
THEY DON'T HAVE AN ADDRESS SOMEWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES.
THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. DO YOU NEED TO ADDRESS THAT?
MS. RODDY: NO.
THE COURT: LET'S MOVE ON. I HAVE THE INFORMATION I
NEED ON THAT ONE. LET'S MOVE ON TO QUESTION FOUR.
I GAVE THE PREMISE THAT I DID WITH THE INSTRUCTION TO
THE GOVERNMENT THIS IS NOT AN OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY
CHARACTERIZE IT, YOU CAN CHARACTERIZE IT I NEED CITATIONS TO
THE RECORD FIRST WITH RESPECT TO PGSVTC AND WHETHER IT'S A
WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OR ANY OF THE OTHER PANGANG DEFENDANTS
SET FORTH IN THE CITATION.
MR. HEMANN: I WILL ANSWER THAT QUESTION VERY
DIRECTLY. WE DO CONCEDE THAT PGSVTC IS NOT A WHOLLY OWNED
SUBSIDIARY OF ANY OF THE OTHER DEFENDANTS.
THE COURT: IS THERE SOMETHING YOU MORE YOU WANTED TO
SAY?
MR. HEMANN: WELL, I WAS GOING TO ANSWER
THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. LET'S GO
MR. HEMANN: THERE'S MORE TO THE QUESTION I WAS GOING
TO ANSWER.
THE COURT: WELL, I ASSUME YOU AGREE WITH THAT,
MR. FELDMAN?
MR. FELDMAN: YES.

1 THE COURT: GOOD. SO NOW LET'S GO ONTO OUESTION 5A. 2 MR. HEMANN: SO QUESTION 4, QUESTION 4A THE ONLY 3 QUESTION? WAS THERE MORE TO THE QUESTION? THE COURT: NO. I WANT YOU TO -- I WANTED TO GET THE 4 SPECIFIC ANSWER, NOW I WANT YOU TO ANSWER THE FIRST QUESTION IN 5 6 THE PREMISE TO THE QUESTION. 7 WHAT IS YOUR BEST ARGUMENT THAT HAS MET YOUR BURDEN TO 8 CLEARLY ESTABLISH THE CHAIN NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH THE 9 REQUISITE AGENCY OR ALTER EGO RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THESE FOUR 10 DEFENDANTS? 11 AND THIS IS NOT AN OPPORTUNITY TO ARGUE THAT THE COURT 12 HAS ASKED THE WRONG QUESTION, WHY IS IT EVEN RELEVANT, WHY ARE 13 WE TALKING ABOUT ALTER EGO, I KNOW THAT'S YOUR POSITION, BUT I 14 WANT TO GET AN ANSWER TO MY QUESTION. 15 MR. HEMANN: ON THAT POINT WE DO THINK IT'S RELEVANT 16 TO TALK ABOUT ALTER EGO, BOTH AGENCY AND ALTER EGO. 17 I WANT TO MAKE SURE I UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION, YOUR HONOR, I'M NOT CHALLENGING THE PREMISE OF THE QUESTION. I READ 18 THIS TO BE ASKING, PERHAPS, TWO QUESTIONS. 19 20 BECAUSE THE FIRST LINE OF THE COURT'S QUESTION TALKS 21 ABOUT CHAIN OF OWNERSHIP THAT RENDERS PAN AMERICA THE AGENT OR 22 ALTER EGO. AND AS WE ANALYZED THE QUESTION THERE'S TWO ISSUES. 23 24 ONE IS, CHAIN OF OWNERSHIP THAT SHOWS WHAT COMPANIES OWN WHAT 25 COMPANIES.

THERE'S ALSO THE EVIDENTIARY CHAIN THAT ESTABLISHES				
AGENCY OR ALTER EGO THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY AND THE NINTH				
CIRCUIT HAS SAID, DOESN'T REQUIRE OWNERSHIP.				
THE COURT: I'D LIKE THE ANSWER TO BOTH.				
MR. HEMANN: I'LL GIVE YOU THE ANSWER TO BOTH, YOUR				
HONOR.				
NUMBER ONE, WE PREPARED A LITTLE DEMONSTRATIVE TODAY,				
WE'VE GIVEN A COPY TO THE DEFENSE AND THIS IS OUR BEST				
UNDERSTANDING.				
THE COURT: NOW, IS THIS SUPPORTED BY WHAT YOU				
SUBMITTED?				
MR. HEMANN: THIS IS SUPPORTED BY WHAT WE HAD				
SUBMITTED IN EVIDENCE, YOUR HONOR.				
THE COURT: LET ME SORT OF POINT HERE, DO YOU AGREE				
WITH THIS CHART?				
MR. FELDMAN: NO.				
THE COURT: I NEED CITATIONS.				
MR. FELDMAN: EXCUSE ME, YOUR HONOR, WHEN I SAID I				
DON'T AGREE WITH IT, I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS CHART WITH A				
FEW EXCEPTIONS IS SUPPORTED BY THE RECORD.				
THE COURT: THAT'S ALL I'M ASKING. IT'S NOT SUPPORTED				
BY THE RECORD, THIS IS NOT ABOUT EMASCULATE CONCEPTION.				
MS. RODDY: I DO AGREE, IF I MAY, I DO AGREE WITH YOUR				
HONOR, THIS NEEDS TO BE SUPPORTED BY CITATIONS TO THE RECORD.				
THE COURT: THAT'S WHY I ASKED.				

MR. HEMANN: SO I'M GOING TO GIVE THE COURT CITATIONS
TO THE RECORD. THE CITATIONS TO THE RECORD, THIS CHART IS
DERIVED FROM PRIMARILY TWO PLACES.

PLACE NUMBER ONE, IS THE DECLARATION OF OUR EXPERT

MR. SZAMOSSZEGI. AND THERE ARE A SERIES OF PARAGRAPHS IN HIS

DECLARATION, WHICH I BELIEVE PARAGRAPHS 18 THROUGH 20 AND 23,

THAT LAYOUT WITH EXHIBITS ATTACHED TO THEM, IT'S 18 THROUGH 20

AND 23, WHAT THE OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE OF THE PANGANG GROUP

COMPANIES ARE AS RELEVANT TO THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE INDICTMENT.

THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

MR. HEMANN: IT IS ALSO SUPPORTED BY INFORMATION

OBTAINED BY THE FBI AND RECITED IN SPECIAL AGENT PATTILLO'S

DECLARATION AT PARAGRAPH SEVEN AND EIGHT WHICH DESCRIBE THE

OWNERSHIP OF THE COMPANIES FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE TWO

EXECUTIVE EMPLOYEES OF PAN AMERICA.

THE COURT: RIGHT.

MR. HEMANN: AND IT IS ALSO SUPPORTED BY THE

ATTACHMENT TO MR. AXELROD'S DECLARATION, AND I APOLOGIZE, YOUR

HONOR, I MISPLACED THE EXACT CITATION TO IT. IT'S ONE OF THE

ATTACHMENTS TO MR. AXELROD'S DECLARATION THAT LAYS OUT THE -
THERE WE GO, IT'S EXHIBIT D AT PAGE EIGHT.

AND ALSO THERE IS AN ORGANIZATIONAL CHART THAT WAS PROVIDED BY PANGANG GROUP TO THE CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION SERVICE THAT'S ATTACHED TO MR. AXELROD'S DECLARATION AS AN EXHIBIT, AND THOSE ARE THE SOURCES FOR THIS DOCUMENT.

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NOW, I WOULD NOTE, YOUR HONOR, THAT IN THEIR OPPOSITION TO THEIR REPLY TO THE GOVERNMENT'S OPPOSITION THE DEFENDANTS POINT OUT, WELL, WE'RE WRONG ABOUT OUR OWNERSHIP HYPOTHESIS, BUT DON'T EXPLAIN TO THE COURT WHAT THE ACCURATE OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE --THE COURT: THEY'RE NOT OBLIGED TO DO THAT, ARE THEY? MR. HEMANN: THEY'RE CERTAINLY NOT OBLIGED TO DO THAT, BUT IT'S --THE COURT: IF IT'S A CIVIL CASE THEY MIGHT DO IT. MR. HEMANN: BUT IN THIS CASE WE'RE GIVING YOU THROUGH THIS DOCUMENT WHAT WE UNDERSTAND THROUGH OUR EXPERT IN HIS EXAMINATION OF THE DOCUMENTS AS SET FORTH IN HIS DECLARATION, AND THE EXPLANATION OF THE CORPORATE STRUCTURE BY THE PAN AMERICAN EMPLOYEES WHAT THE CORPORATE STRUCTURE LOOKS LIKE. I CAN TELL THE COURT, OBVIOUSLY, BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT BEEN THROUGH DISCOVERY BECAUSE WE WERE NOT ABLE TO SERVE PROCESS ON THE PANGANG COMPANIES OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES THAT THIS IS BASED ON THE EVIDENCE THAT WE HAVE. I CAN'T BE A HUNDRED PERCENT SURE THAT IT'S ACCURATE, BUT THE DOCUMENTS THAT ARE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE AS ANALYZED BY OUR EXPERT SUGGESTS THAT THIS IS THE STRUCTURE. I WOULD TELL THE COURT THAT WE DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE CASES SAY, THE NINTH CIRCUIT CASES SAY THAT OWNERSHIP IS RELEVANT TO THE QUESTION OF EITHER AGENCY OR ALTER EGO.

AND, I THINK, BOTH THE BOWMAN DECISION TALKING ABOUT

GENERAL AGENCY AND ALTER EGO AND THE WELLS FARGO DECISION SPECIFICALLY SAY THAT OWNERSHIP IS NOT RELEVANT.

WHAT'S RELEVANT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE
ENTITIES AND THE SERVED -- THE PARENT ENTITIES AND THE SERVED
ENTITIES, AND I'M PREPARED, YOUR HONOR, TO GO THROUGH WHAT WE
BELIEVE THE EVIDENCE IS THAT ATTACHES EACH ONE OF THE CHARGED
ENTITIES TO PAN AMERICA, INC. AND I'M ASSUMING THAT'S WHAT THE
COURT --

THE COURT: THAT'S THE ULTIMATE QUESTION. FIRST, I
WANT JUST VERY ELEMENTAL LEVEL I WANT TO UNDERSTAND THE
GOVERNMENT'S POSITION, WHETHER IT'S DISPUTE OR NOT, WHAT IS -WE WERE TRYING TO ON OUR PART, THE COURT WAS TRYING TO SKETCH
THIS OUT, AND FRANKLY WAS VERY DIFFICULT.

I WANTED TO GET THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION, OF COURSE,

I'LL HEAR FROM THE DEFENDANTS, THEN THE QUID ESSENTIAL QUESTION

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN VIS-A-VIS THE QUESTION OF GENERAL AGENCY

AND ALTER EGO?

MR. HEMANN: SO THE ANSWER YOUR HONOR'S QUESTION, OUR POSITION IS THAT ALTHOUGH THE FORMAL OWNERSHIP RELATIONSHIPS ARE INSTRUCTIVE AND HELPFUL IN FIGURING OUT, WHAT YOU CAN SEE HERE IS THAT AS WE ALL KNOW, AND I DON'T THINK IS IN DISPUTE, PAN AMERICA, INC. IS OWNED BY TWO COMPANIES.

IT'S OWNED BY PANGANG GROUP AND PIETC, WHICH IS THE INTERNATIONAL TRADING COMPANY FOR PANGANG GROUP IN THE PROPORTIONS OF 75 AND 25 PERCENT.

1	MR. FELDMAN: SO STIPULATED.						
2	THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.						
3	MR. HEMANN: THAT IS THE OTHER ANOTHER DEFENDANT WHICH						
4	IS IT'S THE PUBLICLY LISTED COMPANY ON THE CHEN JEN EXCHANGE,						
5	WHICH IS PGSVTC IS THE OWNER OF PIATC IN IT'S THE 100						
б	PERCENT OWNER OF PIATC.						
7	THE COURT: DO YOU AGREE WITH THAT?						
8	MR. FELDMAN: THERE'S NO PROOF OF THAT.						
9	THE COURT: GO AHEAD.						
10	MR. HEMANN: WE WOULD AGAIN SUBMIT.						
11	THE COURT: I'LL READ THE EVIDENCE YOU CITE THE COURT						
12	TO.						
13	MR. HEMANN: AND THAT IT IS ALSO THE OWNER OF THE						
14	TITANIUM INDUSTRY COMPANY DEFENDANT.						
15	MR. FELDMAN: SAME.						
16	THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.						
17	MR. HEMANN: THAT IS INSTRUCTIVE TO SOME DEGREE						
18	BECAUSE IT DRAWS SOME OWNERSHIP RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PAI AND						
19	TWO OF THE DEFENDANT COMPANIES. BUT IT DOESN'T GET EITHER THE						
20	COURT OR US ALL THE WAY TO WHERE WE'RE COMFORTABLE WITH THIS.						
21	THE COURT ASKED WHAT OUR POSITION WAS AS A GENERAL						
22	MATTER. OUR POSITION AS A GENERAL MATTER IS THAT PAI IS THE						
23	GENERAL AGENT IN THE UNITED STATES OF THE PANGANG GROUP OF						
24	COMPANIES.						
25	WE BELIEVE THAT IS WAS THE INTENTION OF THE PANGANG						

GROUP OF COMPANIES WHEN PAI WAS CREATED AS REFLECTED IN CHAIRMAN FAN'S TWO LETTERS TO THE CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION SERVICE.

AND WE BELIEVE THAT IS THE EVIDENCE SHOWS THAT PAI HAS ACTED CONSISTENTLY WITH THAT SINCE 2008 WHEN THE COMPANY WAS FORMED. I'M GOING TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT BOTH THE FORMATION AND THE ACTIONS OF THE COMPANY, BUT TO BE VERY CLEAR THE PURPOSE WAS TO CREATE A PANGANG GROUP OF COMPANIES PRESENCE IN THE UNITED STATES.

NOT TO MAKE FINE DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN WHICH ONE OF THE PANGANG GROUP OF COMPANIES PAI WAS GOING TO BE THE AGENT FOR.

AND IF YOU LOOK THROUGH THE ENTIRE RECORD AND SPECIFICALLY TO THE DOCUMENTS THAT WERE CREATED BY THE PANGANG DEFENDANTS THEMSELVES, WHAT YOU WILL SEE IS THE NAMES OF THE COMPANIES BEING USED INTERCHANGEABLY, WHICH I WOULD SUBMIT IS PART OF THE CONFUSION THAT THE COURT IS SUFFERING FROM WITH REGARD TO THIS BECAUSE IT'S NOT CLEAR.

THE BEST EXAMPLE OF THAT IS IN CHAIRMAN FAN'S LETTER WHERE HE INTERCHANGEABLY USES THE TERMS PANGANG GROUP AND PISCO, PISCO BEING A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF THE PANGANG GROUP. SO IT'S NOT CLEAR FROM THE DOCUMENTS THEMSELVES THAT WERE PREPARED BY THE CHINESE COMPANIES THEMSELVES.

WE BELIEVE THAT IT WASN'T MEANT TO BE CLEAR NOR DOES

IT NEED TO BE CLEAR. BECAUSE UNDER RULE 4 THE COURT CAN LOOK,

AND THIS GOES TO MR. FELDMAN'S POINT ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE

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1 BETWEEN THE CRIMINAL RULES AND THE CIVIL RULES, WHICH ARE 2 OBVIOUS. THE CRIMINAL RULE IS THIS LONG AND ASKS THE COURT TO 3 MAKE --4 THE COURT: FOR THE RECORD YOUR HOLDING YOUR HANDS 5 ABOUT THREE INCHES. MR. HEMANN: ABOUT TWO INCHES I GUESS I MEANT, YOUR 7 HONOR. IT'S ABOUT TWO INCHES OF TEXT AND IT'S MEANT FOR THE COURT TO MAKE A SIMPLE DECISION, A SIMPLE JUDGMENT IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE FOR THE PURPOSES OUTLINED IN THE 10 CRIMINAL -- IN THE CRIMINAL RULES. 11 AND IT IS DIFFERENT, IT'S MEANT TO BE A SIMPLER 12 ANALYSIS. IF YOU LOOK AT THE BODY OF EVIDENCE HERE YOU'LL SEE 13 THAT PAI IS ACTING AS THE AGENT OF THE PANGANG GROUP OF COMPANIES IN THE UNITED STATES. AND THAT'S OUR POSITION. 14 15 NOW, WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS GO THROUGH WITH YOU -- I'M SORRY, I MENTIONED EARLIER IT'S EXHIBIT F IN MR. AXELROD'S 17 DECLARATION THAT WE WERE RELYING ON FOR THIS DOCUMENT. 18 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. 19 MR. HEMANN: SO --MR. FELDMAN: MAY I INTERRUPT YOU FOR JUST ONE MOMENT, 20 21 WOULD THAT BE OKAY? 22 MR. HEMANN: SURE. 23 MR. FELDMAN: I WOULD ASK THE COURT TO NOTE THUS FAR, 24 THE LAST FIVE MINUTES ANYWAY, MR. MR. HEMANN HAS MADE A LOT 25 STATEMENTS WITH NO CITATIONS TO THE RECORD AS YOU REQUESTED.

1 THE COURT: THERE WERE SOME CITATIONS. WE CITED TO 2 EXHIBITS TO THE -- I CAN'T PRONOUNCE HIS NAME 3 S-Z-A-M-O-S-S-Z-E-G-I. 4 MR. HEMANN: SZAMOSSZEGI. 5 THE COURT: DECLARATION, MR. AXELROD'S DECLARATION AND DOCUMENTS CITED THEREIN. 6 7 MR. FELDMAN: I MEANT IN THE LAST FIVE MINUTES. 8 THE COURT: I HAVEN'T BEEN KEEPING TIME, SO ALL RIGHT. 9 MR. HEMANN: SO I'D LIKE TO GO THROUGH THE EVIDENCE 10 THAT TIES PAI TO EACH ONE OF THE ENTITIES TO THE BEST THAT 11 WE'RE ABLE TO DO SO BASED ON THE RECORD. 12 AND THE COURT ASKED FOR OUR BEST ARGUMENTS, AND SO I 13 WOULDN'T SUGGEST THIS IS ALL OF THE EVIDENCE, BUT I THINK THIS 14 IS THE BEST EVIDENCE. 15 NUMBER ONE, ARE THE LETTERS FROM CHAIRMAN FAN THIS IS 16 FOCUSING ON THE CONNECTION BETWEEN PAI AND THE PANGANG GROUP 17 ITSELF. NUMBER ONE, ARE THE LETTERS FROM CHAIRMAN FAN TO CIS, CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION SERVICE. THOSE ARE ATTACHED TO 18 19 MR. AXELROD'S DECLARATION AT EXHIBIT D AND F. 20 AND THE KEY PROVISIONS OF THAT ARE SET FORTH IN OUR 21 OPPOSITION BRIEF AT PAGE EIGHT. AND THE MOST COMPELLING 22 STATEMENT MADE BY CHAIRMAN FAN IS HIS DESCRIPTION OF PAI AS 23 BEING FOR THE PURPOSE OF QUOTE "DEVELOPING OUR BUSINESS 24 RELATIONSHIPS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE UNITED STATES." THAT

WAS, WE SUBMIT, PAI'S CHARGE IN THE UNITED STATES.

1 THE OTHER HIGHLY RELEVANT, AND THIS IS RELEVANT MORE 2 TO THE ALTER EGO ANALYSIS THAN THE GENERAL AGENCY ANALYSIS, IS 3 THE FACT THAT CHAIRMAN FAN ACTUALLY SIGNED THE LETTERS ON PAI 4 LETTERHEAD, PURPORTING TO BE, WHICH HE IS NOT, AN OFFICER OF 5 PAI. 6 NUMBER TWO, IN TERMS OF EVIDENCE CONNECTING PAI TO 7 PANGANG GROUP, THE APPLICATIONS FOR --8 MR. FELDMAN: EXCUSE ME, DID YOU SAY WHICH COMPANY 9 AGAIN? SORRY. MR. HEMANN: PANGANG GROUP. 10 11 MR. FELDMAN: THANK YOU. 12 MR. HEMANN: THE APPLICATION FOR L1A INTERCOMPANY TRANSFERS THAT ARE ATTACHED TO MR. AXELROD'S DECLARATIONS AND 13 14 THE LEGAL PREDICATE FOR THOSE APPLICATIONS WHICH IS THE CONTROL 15 REQUIREMENT THAT WE'LL BE GETTING INTO IN THE COURT'S NEXT 16 QUESTION. 17 THE THIRD PIECE OF EVIDENCE WITH REGARD TO PANGANG GROUP ARE THE P PASSPORTS THAT ARE ISSUED TO THE TWO EXECUTIVE 18 19 EMPLOYEES OF PAI IN THE UNITED STATES. 20 THOSE ARE DISCUSSED IN, AMONG OTHER PLACES BUT MOST 21 POINTEDLY, IN THE MC GOVERN DECLARATION WHERE MR. MC GOVERN 22 WHO'S A STATE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE EXPLAINS THAT KEY PASSPORTS 23 ARE ISSUED TO EMPLOYEES OF CHINESE STATE OWNED ENTERPRISES FOR 24 THE PURPOSE OF DOING THE BUSINESS OF THOSE ENTERPRISES

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MR. FELDMAN: MAY I MAKE INOUIRY, YOUR HONOR? THAT GO TO AGENCY OR ALTER EGO, THE P PASSPORT? MR. HEMANN: IT GOES TO BOTH. MR. FELDMAN: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. MR. HEMANN: WITH REGARD TO THESE ALL WOULD GO TO BOTH, YOUR HONOR, AS I UNDERSTOOD THE QUESTION. THE NEXT PIECE OF EVIDENCE WITH REGARD TO THE PANGANG GROUP ARE -- IS THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL WHICH IS ATTACHED TO SPECIAL AGENT PATTILLO'S DECLARATION AT EXHIBIT O, AND IS IDENTIFIED -- THE KEY PROVISIONS WHICH ARE IDENTIFIED IN OUR OPPOSITION BRIEF AT PAGE SIX. AND THAT'S THE DOCUMENT, YOUR HONOR, THAT DISCUSSES APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS BY THE HEAD OFFICE WHICH FROM THE CONTEXT OF THE DOCUMENT DENOTES AN OFFICE AT THE PANGANG GROUP. THE NEXT PIECE OF EVIDENCE THAT WE WOULD POINT THE COURT TO WITH REGARD TO THE PANGANG GROUP IS THE FACT THAT THE BOOKS AND RECORDS OF PAI ARE AUDITED BY AUDITORS SENT TO THE UNITED STATES BY THE PANGANG GROUP. AND THAT IS ATTACHED TO SPECIAL AGENT PATTILLO'S DECLARATION AT EXHIBIT T. I'M AVOIDING ARGUMENT WITH REGARD TO THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE AND I'M SIMPLY GOING THROUGH THE LIST. I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE I'M DOING THAT. THE COURT: ABSOLUTELY. MR. HEMANN: THE NEXT PIECE OF EVIDENCE IS EVIDENCE

THAT PAI IS FUNDED ENTIRELY BY PANGANG GROUP AND PIATC AND I'M

COMBINING THEM HERE BECAUSE IT APPLIES TO BOTH. 1 2 THE COMPANY WAS CAPITALIZED BY A COMBINATION OF MONEY 3 FROM PANGANG GROUP AND PAITC AND ALL OF ITS INCOME --4 THE COURT: THAT WAS AN INITIAL CAPITALIZATION, CORRECT? 5 MR. HEMANN: WITH ITS INITIAL CAPITALIZATION. 6 7 THE SECOND PART OF THIS IS THAT ALL OF ITS INCOME IS 8 DERIVED FROM DEALS ENTERED INTO BY PANGANG GROUP AND PIATC. IT HAS NO SOURCE OF INCOME OTHER THAN COMMISSION INCOME OFF OF 9 10 PANGANG PIATC DEALS. 11 THE EVIDENCE OF THAT IS IN SPECIAL AGENT PATTILLO'S 12 DECLARATION IN PARAGRAPHS SEVEN AND EIGHT AND MR. SZAMOSSZEGI'S 13 DECLARATION AT PARAGRAPH 24 AND EXHIBIT 17 AND 24 WHICH ARE AN 14 ANALYSIS OF THE IMPORT BUSINESS ASSOCIATED WITH PAN AMERICA, 15 INC. AND EVIDENCE THAT ALL OF IT COMES FROM PANGANG SOURCES. 16 THE 7TH PIECE OF EVIDENCE WITH REGARD TO PANGANG GROUP 17 IS THE LETTER TO EP PETROL ECUADOR, THERE ARE TWO VERSIONS OF 18 THAT LETTER THAT WERE SEIZED FROM PAN AMERICA, INC. AND THEY'RE ATTACHED TO SPECIAL AGENT PATTILLO'S LOST DECLARATION AT 19 20 EXHIBITS F AND G. 21 AND IN THAT LETTER THAT PAI REPRESENTS THAT IT IS THE 22 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PANGANG GROUP IN THE AMERICAS. 23 THE COURT: BY THE WAY, AS AN ASIDE THERE WERE SIX 24 EXHIBITS THAT WERE ATTACHED TO MR. SZAMOSSZEGI'S DECLARATION

WHICH ARE IN CHINESE WITHOUT TRANSLATION, I NEED TO GET -- I

DON'T SPEAK CHINESE. A LITTLE BIT.

MR. HEMANN: WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO GET THOSE, AND IF THE COURT WOULD PERMIT IT I CAN TALK TO THE FBI TRANSLATORS ABOUT THE TRANSLATIONS. WE COULD PROVIDE SUMMARIES RELATIVELY QUICKLY. I HAVE TO LOOK AT THEM AND TALK TO THEM ABOUT HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE TO DO TRANSLATIONS.

MR. FELDMAN: PUNT PASS.

THE COURT: LET'S PUT THAT ON HOLD FOR NOW.

MR. HEMANN: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

I GUESS, A COROLLARY TO THE FUNDING ARGUMENT THAT I

JUST IDENTIFIED AND WITH THE SOURCES BEING IN THE SAME PLACES,

THE FACT THAT PAI DOES WORK FOR NO OTHER ENTITY THAN PANGANG

GROUP AND PANGANG AFFILIATES. THE SOURCES ARE THE SAME WITH

REGARD TO FUNDING.

SO THOSE WE THINK ARE THE BEST PIECES OF EVIDENCE THAT
GO SOLELY OR PRIMARILY TO THE PANGANG GROUP. AND IT GETS A
LITTLE SHORTER FROM HERE, YOUR HONOR, BUT WITH REGARD TO -THERE'S LOTS OF EVIDENCE, YOU KNOW -- WITH REGARD TO PAITC,
YOUR HONOR, NUMBER ONE, THE FACT THAT CHUN ZENG WHO IS THE
SECOND IN CHARGE FELLOW AT PAI IS ACTUALLY A PAITC EMPLOYEE.
AND THAT IS REFLECTED IN MR. AXELROD'S DECLARATION EXHIBIT E AT
PAGE 13.

THE REPRESENTATION TO THE COUNCILOR AUTHORITIES IN CHENGDU WAS THAT MR. ZHENG WOULD -- WAS A PIATC EMPLOYEE WHO WAS GOING TO THE UNITED STATES AND LEADING A DELEGATION FOR

THAT PURPOSE. WE BELIEVE THAT'S CONSISTENT WITH THE INTER-COMPANY TRANSFER ISSUE.

NUMBER TWO, IS A DOCUMENT IN WHICH PAI DESCRIBES

ITSELF IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE CUSTOM AND IMMIGRATION

SERVICE AS AN AGENCY FOR THE TRADE BUSINESS OF PAITC, THAT IS

MR. AXELROD'S DECLARATION EXHIBIT D, PAGES FIVE AND NINE.

WE THINK THAT THE CUSTOMER, THE VARIOUS CUSTOMER

DECLARATIONS, PERHAPS, PROVIDE THE BEST EVIDENCE THAT PAI

ACTING AS THE AGENT IN THE ALTER EGO OF PIATC, I WON'T GO

THROUGH ALL OF THEM EXCEPT TO MAKE THE POINT THAT, FOR EXAMPLE,

IN THE DECKER DECLARATION AT PARAGRAPH THREE, MR. DECKER

PROVIDES WHAT IS CONSISTENTLY SHOWN THROUGH THE CUSTOMER

DECLARATIONS AS EVIDENCE THAT SERVICES THAT ARE NOW BEING

PERFORMED BY PAI ARE THE SERVICES THAT PRIOR TO THAT -- THE

CREATION OF PAI WERE PERFORMED BY PIATC AND PANGANG GROUP

EMPLOYEES.

AND THE RELATED MATTER THAT YOU SEE IN ALL FIVE OF THE CUSTOMER DECLARATIONS IS THAT AS TO LEGAL MATTERS PAI ACTS AS A CONDUIT BETWEEN THE COMPANIES IN THE UNITED STATES, THE CUSTOMERS IN THE UNITED STATES AND PAITC AND THE PANGANG GROUP IN CHINA.

SO A CLAIM COMES UP WITH REGARD TO A DEFECTIVE

PRODUCT, AND THE INSTRUCTION TO THE COMPANY IS THE CUSTOMER IS

TO REACH OUT TO PAI, PAI ACTS AS A CONDUIT IN RESOLVING THAT

CLAIM BETWEEN PANGANG GROUP, PIATC AND THE CUSTOMER IN THE

UNITED STATES.

WE WOULD POSIT THAT THAT IS PRECISELY THE ROLE THE THAT WE SUGGESTED THE COURT SHOULD HOLD PAI TO IN THIS CASE.

TWO MORE MATTERS WITH REGARD TO PIATC. NUMBER ONE IS,

A MEMO POSITIONS DIRECTING PAI AND OUTLINING PAI'S

RESPONSIBILITIES, A MEMO CREATED -- ISSUED BY PIATC THAT

DESCRIBES PAI'S SUBORDINATE AND SUPPORTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES IN

THE UNITED STATES, VIS-A-VIS THE BUSINESS OF PIATC AND PANGANG

GROUP. AND THAT IS MS. PATTILLO'S DECLARATION AT EXHIBIT O.

AND FINALLY THE OFFICE MOVE THAT WAS DIRECTED BY PIATC WHICH, I BELIEVE, IS ALSO -- THERE'S A MEMORANDUM ATTACHED TO SPECIAL AGENT PATTILLO'S DECLARATION, I BELIEVE, IT'S EXHIBIT W.

THAT PIATC ONCE THE PANGANG MERGER TOOK PLACE IN 2011

NOTIFIED PAI THAT IT WOULD BE MOVING ITS OFFICE INTO AN OFFICE

SHARED BY -- SHARED WITH THE NEW MERGER PARTNER ONGONG GROUP.

THAT'S THE BEST EVIDENCE WE BELIEVE CONNECTING PIA WITH PIATC IN AN AGENCY AND ALTER EGO RELATIONSHIP.

THE TITANIUM COMPANY RELATIONSHIP AND THE PGSVTC RELATIONSHIPS ARE SIGNIFICANTLY LESS CONSTANT, IF YOU WILL, THAN THE PIATC AND PANGANG GROUP RELATIONSHIPS.

AND OUR THEORY WITH REGARD TO THESE TWO COMPANIES, AND I GUESS I'LL START WITH THE TITANIUM COMPANY, IS THAT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PAI AND THE TITANIUM COMPANY IS A FUNCTION OF THE DECISION OF THE PANGANG GROUP TO PLACE AN AGENT IN THE

UNITED STATES TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS THAT ARISE WITH REGARD TO PANGANG GROUP COMPANIES.

BECAUSE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PANGANG -BETWEEN PAI AND THE TITANIUM GROUP COMPANY CAME UP FOR THE
FIRST TIME, THE DIRECT RELATIONSHIP WHEN THIS INVESTIGATION
BEGAN.

WHEN THIS INVESTIGATION BEGAN AND TITANIUM GROUP

EMPLOYEES WERE DETAINED UNDER A MATERIAL WITNESS WARRANT IN SAN

FRANCISCO, THE EVIDENCE IN SPECIAL AGENT PATTILLO'S DECLARATION

IS THAT PANGANG GROUP DIRECTED PAI TO ASSIST THE TITANIUM

COMPANY EMPLOYEES IN THE UNITED STATES OR IN SAN FRANCISCO.

AND THAT THEY WERE DIRECTED TO ADVANCE THE LEGAL FEES,

AND THEY ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PIATC TO ADVANCE THE

LEGAL FEES ON BEHALF OF THE TITANIUM GROUP EMPLOYEES.

THIS EVIDENCE GOES TO WHAT WE BELIEVE THE TEST FOR

GENERAL AGENCY IS, WHICH IS THAT IF IT WERE NOT FOR THESE

EMPLOYEES IN THE UNITED STATES, EMPLOYEES OF THE OTHER COMPANY

WOULD BE REQUIRED TO UNDERTAKE THESE RESPONSIBILITIES.

SOMEBODY HAD TO DO THIS. THEIR AGENTS IN THE UNITED STATES WAS THE ONE THAT WAS BOTH LOGICALLY AND CONVENIENTLY ABLE TO UNDERTAKE THESE TASKS.

YOU CAN'T SEPARATE THIS EVIDENCE FROM THE OVERALL CONTEXT OF THE CHAIRMAN FAN LETTERS AND THE DESCRIPTION OF CHAIRMAN FAN'S DECISION THAT HE WRITES IN HIS LETTERS IN '08 AND 2010 WITH, YOU KNOW, TO CREATE PAI.

SO I WOULD SAY THAT THE EVIDENCE WITH REGARD TO THE TITANIUM COMPANY ARE BOTH THE CHAIRMAN FAN LETTERS REGARDING THE CREATION OF PAI AND THAN SEVERAL YEARS LATER THE ACTIONS OF PAI WITH REGARD TO THE TITANIUM COMPANY EMPLOYEES WHEN AN ISSUE ACTUALLY AROSE IN THE UNITED STATES THAT REQUIRED AN AGENT IN THE UNITED STATES.

FINALLY, YOUR HONOR, WITH REGARD TO PGSVCT, VGC,

SORRY, THE LISTING COMPANY, NUMBER ONE, I WOULD REFER THE COURT

TO MR. SZAMOSSZEGI'S DECLARATION WHERE HE DESCRIBES THE ROLE OF

LISTED COMPANIES IN CHINESE STATE OWNED ENTERPRISES.

AND THE FACT THAT THESE ARE LARGELY CREATED TO BE FUNDING MECHANISM, FINANCING MECHANISMS AND THEY ARE USED BY STATE OWNED ENTERPRISES FOR THAT PURPOSE.

THE REASON THAT PGSVCT IS NAMED AS A DEFENDANT HERE IS BECAUSE ITS AGENTS, INCLUDING THE PEOPLE NAMED AND REFERRED TO IN THE INDICTMENT AND WE BELIEVE THE EVIDENCE WILL SHOW, WERE ACTUALLY ENGAGED IN THE CONDUCT.

AS TO WHETHER IT CAN BE SERVED THROUGH PAI WE,
FRANKLY, YOUR HONOR, HAVE ONE PIECE OF EVIDENCE, AND WE BELIEVE
IT'S AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF EVIDENCE, IT IS PGSVCT THAT SETS THE
SALARIES FOR THE TWO EXECUTIVE EMPLOYEES, THE INTERCOMPANY
TRANSFER EMPLOYEES IN THE UNITED STATES, MR. WONG AND
MR. ZHENG.

THAT IS SPECIAL AGENT PATTILLO'S DECLARATION AT EXHIBIT H AND REQUIRES JUST A SMALL AMOUNT OF EXPLANATION, YOUR

HONOR.

IT IS A MEMORANDUM THAT IS WRITTEN BY PANGANG GROUP

STEEL TITANIUM COMPANIES HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT. IT

DIRECTS THE INTERNATIONAL, THE PIATC COMPANY TO SET THE

SALARIES OF PAI AND THE OTHER FOREIGN SUBSIDIARIES PER CERTAIN

FORMULAS THAT ARE DESCRIBED IN THE LETTERS.

AND I WOULD SAY THAT IT'S HARD TO POSIT MORE GREATER

CONTROL THAN THE CONTROL TO SET THE SALARIES OF THE TWO

MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEES OF PAI.

SO IT'S NOT A LOT. I WOULD CONCEDE TO YOU WITH REGARD TO PGSVCT, BUT IT ALSO ILLUSTRATES THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THESE COMPANIES THAT GOES BACK TO THE FIRST POINT THAT I MADE.

IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO ARGUE THAT THEY'RE RESPECTING

SOME SORT OF VERY LOCK STEP U.S. STYLE CORPORATE FORMALITY WHEN

YOU HAVE ONE COMPANY INSTRUCTING ANOTHER COMPANY TO SET THE

SALARIES FOR A THIRD COMPANY, TO EMPLOYEES AT THE THIRD COMPANY

IN A CERTAIN WAY.

SO WE THINK THAT FOR THAT REASON THAT'S ACTUALLY VERY COMPELLING EVIDENCE THAT SUPPORTS BOTH THE DIRECT TIE BETWEEN PAI AND THE LISTING COMPANY, BUT ALSO THE GOVERNMENT'S THEORY THAT SERVICE ON PAI AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GROUP COMPANY AND ITS ENTITIES IS A VALID INTERPRETATION IN THIS CASE OF RULE 4 IN THE GENERAL AGENCY REQUIREMENTS.

THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.

MR. FELDMAN: YES, YOUR HONOR. I'M MINDFUL OF THE

FACT THAT YOU SET THE AGENDA. I COULDN'T KEEP TRACK OF 1 2 EVERYTHING MR. MR. HEMANN SAID, SO I'M NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO 3 RESPOND TO EACH AND EVERY DOCUMENT THAT HE REFERRED TO. 4 I THINK, I COULD BE OF MOST ASSISTANCE TO THE COURT BY 5 SPOTLIGHTING A FEW THINGS THAT WOULD RESPOND GENERICALLY AND A FEW THINGS SPECIFICALLY. IT WILL NOT TAKE ME ANYTHING LIKE THE 6 7 AMOUNT OF TIME MR. HEMANN WAS FORCED TO USE. 8 THE COURT: LET ME JUST -- I WANT TO MENTION ONE THING 9 TO ALL OF YOU BECAUSE IT'S GOING ON 3:30. 10 AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW THERE'S AN INVESTITURE OF A NEW 11 JUDGE DOWN IN OAKLAND THIS AFTERNOON AT 4:30, I HAVE TO LEAVE HERE AT A QUARTER TO 4:00. WE'RE NOT GOING TO FINISH, I TELL 12 13 YOU RIGHT NOW. 14 SO WE'LL HAVE TO TALK ABOUT WHEN WE CAN CONTINUE THIS, 15 WHETHER IT'S -- I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR SCHEDULES ARE TOMORROW, 16 THAT WOULD BE MY INCLINATION. 17 MR. FELDMAN: FINE WITH ME. 18 THE COURT: TOMORROW MORNING IF YOU'RE AVAILABLE? 19 MR. FELDMAN: FINE WITH ME. 20 MR. HEMANN: FINE WITH US. 21 THE COURT: I DON'T WANT TO UNFAIRLY CUT YOU OFF. I DON'T WANT TO SAY OKAY STOP. YOU DON'T HAVE TO SPEAK QUICKLY 22 23 BECAUSE THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE ANY BENEFIT TO PRIVACY OR 24 RECENCY, SO MUCH INFORMATION THAT I'LL BE DRIVING TO OAKLAND IN

ABOUT 15 MINUTES YOU WON'T BE PREJUDICE BY THAT.

1	MR. FELDMAN: HOW ABOUT IF I DO WHAT ONE DOES WITH THE						
2	JURY, ALTHOUGH, JUDGE LEGGE ONCE SAID TO ME, MR. FELDMAN, IT'S						
3	JUST ME HERE. HOW ABOUT IF I JUST POINT YOU TO ONE THING,						
4	WOULD THAT BE OKAY?						
5	THE COURT: FINE.						
6	MR. FELDMAN: I WOULD ASK YOU TO LOOK AT AGENT DO						
7	YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE ALL THAT MASS OF MATERIALS?						
8	THE COURT: I DO.						
9	MR. FELDMAN: CAN I IMPOSE UPON YOU TO JOIN ME AT						
10	AGENT PATTILLO'S DECLARATION?						
11	THE COURT: YES.						
12	MR. FELDMAN: EXHIBIT W, I BELIEVE.						
13	THE COURT: I HAVE THAT IN FRONT OF ME.						
14	MR. FELDMAN: THEIR ARE TWO DOCUMENTS THAT'S ATTACHED						
15	TO HER DECLARATION, BOTH ARE ENTITLED IN EFFECT AGREEMENT ON						
16	ADVANCED DISBURSEMENT.						
17	THE COURT: YES.						
18	MR. FELDMAN: AND THEY REFER TO PARTY A AND PARTY B.						
19	THE COURT: CORRECT.						
20	MR. FELDMAN: YOU HEARD ABOUT THIS JUST NOW IN MR.						
21	HEMANN'S EXCELLENT PRESENTATION.						
22	THE COURT: RIGHT.						
23	MR. FELDMAN: AND YOU'VE SEEN REFERENCE TO THIS IN						
24	THEIR EXCELLENT MEMORANDUM. THEY JUST GOT IT BACKWARDS,						
25	THOUGH. COMPLETELY STONE COLD BACKWARDS.						

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IT WOULDN'T MATTER IF THEY WERE RIGHT, BUT THEY HAPPEN TO BE WRONG. WHAT HAPPENED WAS THAT PANGANG GROUP INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND TRADING CORPORATION SENT MONEY TO PAN AMERICA WHICH PAN AMERICA THAN DISBURSED. PAN AMERICA DID NOT ADVANCE MONEY AND THEN GET REIMBURSED. THE CHINESE ENTITY THAT IS PARTY B SENT MONEY IN ADVANCE TO PAI AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED IN JULY AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED IN NOVEMBER. SO NOT THAT IT WOULD MATTER IF IT WERE THE OPPOSITE, BUT THEY JUST GOT THIS WRONG. THERE'S A CLAIM IN THE PAPERS THAT SOMEHOW PAN AMERICA WAS DONE OUT OF INTEREST, SO THIS ENTIRE EDIFICE APPEARS ON ONE OF THE DEFENDANTS TO RELATE TO WHO GOT INTEREST OR WHO DIDN'T. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT MONEY WAS SENT BEFOREHAND AND THEN DISBURSED. IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER THAT MUCH, BUT THEY JUST GOT THAT WRONG. AND I WOULD -- SO THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY. MR. HEMANN: MAY I RESPOND VERY BRIEFLY, YOUR HONOR? THE COURT: YES. MR. HEMANN: WE DON'T THINK WE'RE WRONG. WE DON'T THINK IT'S IN THE RECORD AND WE THINK THAT MR. WONG BOTH WROTE DOWN IN HIS OWN HAND --THE COURT: WHEN YOU SAY DON'T THINK IT'S IN THE RECORD, WHAT?

MR. HEMANN: THE STATEMENT THAT MR. FELDMAN JUST MADE.

1	MS. RODDY: I READ A DOCUMENT.						
2	THE COURT: HE REFERRED WAIT A SECOND, MR. FELDMAN						
3	REFERRED ME TO A DOCUMENT, WHICH WE'LL DO WITH ALL THE						
4	DOCUMENTS YOU CITED, I WILL READ THAT AND I WILL MAKE MY						
5	DETERMINATION.						
6	MR. HEMANN: FINE.						
7	MR. FELDMAN: FINALLY, WHEN I RESUME TOMORROW, I WILL						
8	ADDRESS THE LEGAL STANDARDS, SO THAT WE'RE CLEAR ABOUT WHAT						
9	WE'RE TALKING.						
10	THE COURT: FAIR ENOUGH. SO WE'RE GOING TO START						
11	WE ARE COMPLETED THROUGH QUESTIONS CONTAINED IN THE PREMISE IN						
12	4 AND 4A AND WE'LL START WITH 4B AND WE'LL CONTINUE THROUGH THE						
13	END.						
14	MR. HEMANN: YOUR HONOR, CAN I ASK						
15	THE COURT: BEFORE I DO THAT, THOUGH, I SHOULD DO						
16	SOMETHING. I'M NOT GOING TO CLOSE YET, WE SHOULD HAVE ASKED						
17	YOU FIRST. WE ARE OKAY FOR TOMORROW MORNING?						
18	THE CLERK: 10:00. IS IT OKAY 9:00 A.M. TO BRING.						
19	MR. FELDMAN: COULD I ASK MR. LIEW'S PRESENCE BE						
20	EXCUSED?						
21	THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.						
22	MR. FELDMAN: JUST CLEAR TO THE MARSHALS HE DOESN'T						
23	GET HAULED BACK HERE TOMORROW.						
24	THE COURT: FAIR ENOUGH.						
25	MR. HEMANN: CAN I ASK FOR CLARIFICATION YOU?						

1	THE COURT: YES.						
2	MR. HEMANN: YOU SAID WE'RE GOING TO START WITH 4B						
3	TOMORROW, I DON'T THINK THERE'S A 4B.						
4	THE COURT: THAT'S CORRECT.						
5	MR. HEMANN: SORT OF IN THE MIDST OF MAYBE 4 RIGHT						
6	NOW.						
7	THE COURT: I'M TAKING NOTES ON MY OWN DOCUMENT. SO						
8	WE'RE IN THE MIDST OF 4. YES, WE ARE. ALL RIGHT. I KNOW						
9	WHERE WE ARE.						
10	MR. HEMANN: SO WRAP UP 4 AND GO TO 5?						
11	THE COURT: JUST A MOMENT. IN LIGHT OF I'VE BEEN						
12	TOLD THERE ARE OTHER APPOINTMENTS THE COURT HAS TO DEAL WITH,						
13	IF YOU CAN GAUGE PAST THIS PROLOGUE HOW MUCH TIME YOU THINK						
14	ADDITIONAL YOU'LL NEED?						
15	YOU'RE ALL VERY WELL PREPARED AND THE BRIEF IS VERY						
16	WELL DONE. I'D LIKE A REALISTIC, I'M NOT GOING TO PUT A						
17	DEADLINE ON YOU, BUT I DO NEED TO RESCHEDULE SOME THINGS.						
18	MR. HEMANN: FROM OUR PART, YOUR HONOR, I WOULD ASSUME						
19	THAT MR. FELDMAN IS GOING TO ADDRESS THE LEGAL STANDARDS, WE						
20	HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT THE LEGAL STANDARDS, I WOULD MAYBE						
21	POSIT WE GOT FIVE MINUTES TO SAY ABOUT THE LEGAL STANDARD.						
22	I THINK OUR PART WITH REGARD TO 5, NUMBER 5 IS VERY						
23	SHORT. AND THEN WITH REGARD TO THE QUESTIONS IN NUMBER 6 I						
24	WOULD SAY THAT OUR PART IS VERY SHORT AS WELL.						
25	SO OUR I WOULD SAY CERTAINLY FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE						

1	SOUTH OF A HALF AN HOUR, 20 MINUTES.
2	THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.
3	MR. FELDMAN: SAME.
4	THE COURT: SO IF WE SAID AN HOUR WE CAN BE PRETTY
5	COMFORTABLE?
6	MR. FELDMAN: I WOULD HOPE IT WOULD BE LESS, BUT I
7	WOULD ASK YOUR HONOR TO SET IT FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF.
8	THE COURT: WE'LL DO. SO ORDERED. THANK YOU VERY
9	MUCH, COUNSEL. SEE YOU TOMORROW MORNING.
10	MR. AXELROD: THANK YOU.
11	MR. FELDMAN: THANK YOU.
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