## **EXHIBIT 1**

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                      UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
                      SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
                       Case No. 15-20782-CIV-MARRA
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     DENNIS L. MONTGOMERY,
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          PLAINTIFF,
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          -v-
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     JAMES RISEN, ET AL.,
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          DEFENDANTS.
                                       Miami, Florida
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                                       October 16, 2015
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               TRANSCRIPT OF DISCOVERY HEARING PROCEEDINGS
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                 BEFORE THE HONORABLE JONATHAN GOODMAN
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                     UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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     Appearances:
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               THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: Calling case
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     15-20782-CIVIL-MARTINEZ, Montgomery versus Risen, et al.
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               The Honorable Jonathan Goodman presiding.
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               THE COURT: Good afternoon, folks.
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               I'm hoping that the beeping noise that I just heard
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     indicates that we now have an additional counsel on the line,
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     and, if so, I think we've got everybody here.
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               So you haven't missed anything. We're just starting
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               So let's start off with appearances.
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               First for the Plaintiff, I believe we have hopefully
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     counsel on the phone?
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               MR. KLAYMAN: Yes, we do, Your Honor. Larry
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     Klayman.
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               How are you today?
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               THE COURT: All right. Good.
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               Mr. Klayman, by the way, were you on television last
     night on the Jimmy Kimmel show?
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               MR. KLAYMAN: No, I don't think so, but --
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               THE COURT: There's a fellow who was interviewed
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     there on the street. Jimmy Kimmel sometimes has one of these
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     on-the-street surprise ambush interviews, and there was a
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     fellow interviewed who looked significantly like you and had a
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     similar demeanor and a similar way of speaking, and I said, my
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     gosh, is Mr. Klayman out there on Sunset Boulevard, in
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     Hollywood? But apparently not.
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               MR. KLAYMAN: I think it may have been me, Your
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     Honor. I actually was -- it may have been me. I did give an
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     interview to them a while back. I guess they held it.
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               THE COURT: Oh, really?
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               MR. KLAYMAN: Yeah.
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               THE COURT: Oh.
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              MR. KLAYMAN: Was there a dog on there?
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               THE COURT: Yes, you were holding a dog.
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              MR. KLAYMAN: Yes, that's me.
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               THE COURT: And, in fact, there was a reference to
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     the dog being like your wife or something, right?
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              MR. KLAYMAN: No, it's like my daughter.
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               THE COURT: Oh, my gosh, I was correct, that was
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     you.
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              MR. KLAYMAN: I don't know. Maybe I said if I had
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    had my dog I never would have gotten married. Maybe I --
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               THE COURT: There was some reference to a dog and a
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     wife.
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               So, yeah, I guess they do these interviews and they
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    hold them for, I don't know, weeks at a time, whenever they
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    have a need. It wasn't particularly time sensitive.
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              MR. KLAYMAN: They held it for months, months.
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               THE COURT:
                           It was you, Mr. Klayman. My gosh.
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               Who else do you have on the phone?
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               MS. HANDMAN: You have Laura Handman and Micha
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    Ratner, from DC.
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               THE COURT: All right. Either of you on television
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               MS. HANDMAN: No.
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               THE COURT: All right. And here in court we have?
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               MR. BOHRER: Sandy Bohrer, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: Very well.
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               All right. So happy Friday to everyone.
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               We're here for a discovery dispute, and I understand
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     this is a matter that the defense would like to bring to my
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     attention. So I'm happy to hear what you have to say.
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              MS. HANDMAN: Thank you, Your Honor.
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               We're here again today for sanctions for failure to
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     comply with paragraph 5 and 6 of the Court's post-hearing
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     discovery order of August 22nd. We seek sanctions under Rule
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     37(b) and (e).
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               Your Honor will recall, the revelations made at the
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     August 21st hearing which Your Honor described in your denial
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     of the stay of the August 22nd order, that Montgomery, quote,
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     "recently and secretly turned over the software to the FBI
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     without keeping a copy, without advising Defendants of his
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plan to do so, without advising this Court of his strategy, and without seeking leave of court to, in effect, sequester what could be the most important evidence in the entire case." The Court ordered on August 22nd, in paragraph 6, that by September 4, Plaintiff use, quote, "his self-described right of continued access to nonclassified information, " paren, "in relation to his turning over the subject software to the FBI, to produce the software to defendants." That was by September 4. Plaintiff's counsel wrote to the FBI and AUSA Curtis on August 26th quoting and attaching the order. Then on September 8th, the FBI's general counsel wrote back to Plaintiff's counsel, with a copy to Your Honor and to Defendants' counsel. Not only did Mr. Baker say the Government was not aware of this case and the pending document demand when they received the information, but, most importantly, he said: "Notably absent" -- I'm quoting -- "is any information which would assist the Government in locating and producing the software at issue in Montgomery v. Risen." And then why? Because what Plaintiffs gave the FBI on August 19th, just two days before the hearing before Your Honor on the software, was hard drives containing, according to Mr. Baker, 51.6 million files amounting to 600 million pages, which the Plaintiff claims had classified information throughout.

Hence, Mr. Baker said, quote: "This massive amount of information means there is no reasonable way for the Government to locate and provide the alleged software absent specific instructions from the Plaintiff.

Mr. Baker then specified what was needed. One was a number or designation of the drive on which the software is present. Two, the file name of the software. Three, the creation date of the software. Four, any other identifiers of the software.

So we asked Mr. Klayman on September 21st whether Plaintiff had provided that information requested, and to please provide us the communications evidencing same, as well as the prior communications referenced in Mr. Baker's letter, all of which this Court ordered to be produced in paragraph 5 of the August 22nd order.

We did not get the software, which was supposed to be produced by September 4, nor any evidence that the information requested by the FBI in order to locate the software have been provided, nor any communications with the FBI.

And in the absence of any such communications confirmation, I communicated on October 5 with Ted Schwartz, the assistant — the FBI's assistant general counsel, and he advised that Mr. Klayman had sent an e-mail on September 24 — that would be after our meet and confer — to which the FBI

responded on October 1st, quote, "asking for more information and clarification."

Mr. Schwartz said he could not provide the documents absent a formal subpoena subject to the Touhy regulations but said, quote, the FBI has no objection to Mr. Klayman providing us a copy of the e-mail exchange.

So we asked Plaintiff's counsel, again as part of the meet and confer on October 7th, for this exchange, and advised them that the FBI had no objections. We asked again for the prior communications and confirmation that the information necessary to locate the software had been provided, and for the software itself.

We have gotten no response, no documents, no software, even though clearly required by this Court's order of August 22.

By giving the FBI this one and only copy of his own software and not keeping a copy which had been the subject of the specific discovery request since June 1, and which is, as Your Honor observed, the critical evidence in the case, and providing it to the FBI in a massive document dump that makes it difficult, if not impossible, to retrieve, Plaintiff has engaged, in our view, in deliberate spoliation, in defiance of this Court's order to retrieve the software and provide the communications with the FBI.

We were able to get, as Your Honor probably knows, a

brief extension of the discovery deadline, but it is now fast approaching. It's one month away, and we need time for our expert to examine the software and test whether it works or not and do follow-up discovery.

So we respectfully request that the Court order Plaintiff to, one, produce by Monday all communications regarding the location of Montgomery software, which is what Your Honor ordered on August 22nd in the paragraph 5, including, but not limited to, the July 28 letter agreement with the FBI, the August 1 e-mail that are both referenced in Mr. Baker's letter, the September 24 e-mail from Mr. Klayman, and the FBI's October 1 response, which Mr. Schwartz advised of, and any subsequent communications with the FBI.

We'd also ask Your Honor to order that if he has not already done so, by Monday, he provide the FBI with all the information the FBI has required in order to identify and locate the software and provide documentation that that has been done.

And, finally, we'd ask that they provide the software by October 26.

We ask that if these requirements are not satisfied, including provision of the software, even if the FBI has not been able to return the software to the Plaintiff by that time, due to Plaintiff's deliberate decision to not keep a copy of its own software, but instead provide it to the FBI in

1 a manner that did not permit timely retrieval and production, 2 and causing extreme prejudice to Defendants' ability to defend 3 this case, we ask the Court to impose sanctions as provided 4 under Rule 37. 5 First, we would ask to dismiss the action with prejudice. And if not dismissed, we would ask the Court to 6 7 make a finding that the software either did not exist, or did not work, or, at a minimum, draw an adverse inference that the 8 9 software did not exist or did not work. 10 We cited some authority in Footnote 17 in our 11 prehearing memorandum of August 4th, but we would be happy to 12 supplement that with additional authority if the Court 13 requires. 14 THE COURT: Thank you. 15 Mr. Klayman? 16 MR. KLAYMAN: Yes, Your Honor. 17 First of all, I would say that we did comply with 18 your order of August 22nd, 2015. You ordered that we put the 19 FBI on notice by August 26th that to look for the software, if 20 it existed. We did not know whether or not, of the 47 hard 21 drives, 600 million pages of documentation provided to the 22 FBI, that, in fact, software existed on that. 23 Secondly, the FBI advised in the letter from 24 Mr. Baker of September 8th that they were conducting, or they 25 would conduct a classification review. Because we said if it

does exist it may be classified, and that's why we just 1 2 couldn't turn any software, even if it existed, over 3 willy-nilly. That would create liability, and not just for 4 Mr. Montgomery, but also for Defendants. If they were to 5 receive classified information, they could be in great legal 6 difficulty. 7 Now, that having been said, we have --8 Mr. Montgomery has communicated with the FBI and has given it 9 information whereby it could make a concerted effort to find 10 that software to the best of his ability, if it exists. 11 However, this is an ongoing criminal investigation by the FBI, 12 and the information that's being provided to the FBI in terms 13 of it trying to be able to locate if any such software exists 14 and if it's classified, would be subject to work product in 15 the context of that criminal investigation. 16 We did get correspondence from Mr. Schwartz, but it was never copied on Ms. Handman. I don't know how she has 17 18 that. So I assume that the FBI was keeping this close to the vest as part of the criminal investigation. As a former 19 20 prosecutor for the Justice Department, I have to respect the 21 investigatory privilege of the FBI, particularly when a 22 criminal matter is involved. 23 And, in fact, contrary to what was said in 24 Mr. Baker's letter, he's a very honest man, and I have the 25 highest regard for him, but he was not privy at the meeting at

the Miami field office of the FBI. An Assistant U.S. Attorney was. So the information was provided second hand.

We filed affidavits on the record, both myself and Ms. James, who was present, Dina James, paralegal, that, in fact, we had told the FBI that there was a civil matter, and that, for that reason, we would need access if required by this Court to anything revolving around if software existed or any other matter. And the FBI and the AUSA agreed at that point in time. That was not put in writing, but that was said. But we did put it in an affidavit.

So we have been completely forthright in making an attempt to find out if any software is there. The FBI is conducting a classification review. These things are very important. And we know, you know, in other matters that are in the news these days that the FBI has some very significant matters concerning a person called Hillary Clinton. And, you know, obviously their resources are being stretched thin.

I mean, the documents here are 600 million pages.

That's huge in comparison to the 35,000 pages which went

missing in that very high profile case. So this is a matter

which they're moving with all due speed, and we are proceeding

in that regard.

Now, I don't know if Your Honor had the opportunity -- I assume you did, because you're a very diligent jurist -- to look at our objection to your order, in

all due respect. And we're not saying that you went out of your way to require this to be produced without any basis.

But what we're saying is, and we're asking Judge Martinez to take a look at it, and I hope that you can look at it, too, is that, you know, it's ironic that they're making this issue of the software, and it's strategic.

And I predicted that this was going to happen at an early hearing, because their initial motion to dismiss was based on the premise that everything that was published by Mr. Risen came from prior publications in Playboy Magazine, in Bloomberg News, and in Congressional testimony on the public record. And Mr. Risen never relied on confidential sources inside the Government, contrary to a source note in his book, which was meant to sell the book but was obviously false given his testimony. And he confirmed that when he was deposed, that he didn't have access to any software or confidential information from the Government.

And we put that in that objection.

So this is a red herring, and Ms. Handman has just now confirmed that this is true, that they were trying -- they were trying to create a Catch 22 with regard to the software to try to get this case dismissed.

And the other thing that supports that is the fact that on the last day, for them to have designated an expert to review any such software -- which they could have done from

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the start -- they didn't even give us anything more than the name of the expert, in violation of federal rules on producing information with regard to experts. You know, their prior qualifications, prior testimony and everything like that. So the bottom line here, Your Honor, is -- and I don't want to get too diverted, but the background's important -- is that we should be allowed to have this objection run its course. It's a legitimate objection. Your Honor didn't -- not have all this information at the time that Your Honor ruled initially. We took time to plot it out. To turn software, which we don't know whether it exists or not, over now, and the FBI's looking for it, and it's classified, and communications over what's in those discs would moot out the objection, could potentially expose classified information, which would be helpful even to foreign interests adverse to the United States, it would compromise an ongoing criminal investigation by the FBI -- the communications are technically work product here, because Mr. Montgomery is, in fact, a witness for the FBI. He's an informant for the FBI, and that's why he got that immunity letter. And for all of these reasons, Your Honor, we have been in good faith, we respect you highly, we respect your orders, but to turn over internal communications would compromise a criminal investigation and possibly classified

information and could result in national security damage to

1 this country. 2 So that's our stance right now. 3 Let the FBI run its course. It's moving --4 Mr. Montgomery has participated in helping them, despite the 5 fact that he went back into the hospital after another stroke. 6 And let's see what the FBI comes up with. I know they're 7 moving with all due speed. I don't think it's necessary that 8 we have an extension on discovery. It hasn't been requested 9 yet. But if that's necessary, and Your Honor so rules and the 10 Judge so rules, then that's something we would respect. 11 But, again, they're not basing their case on any 12 software or classified information, you just need to look into 13 their motion to dismiss to tell you dismiss this case because 14 it all came from public sources. So we respectfully request, Your Honor, to allow 15 16 that objection to be ruled upon, and in the meantime allow the 17 FBI to do its declassification review and to determine whether 18 or not that software is in there and whether or not it's classified, if, indeed, the objection's not withheld. 19 20 THE COURT: Now, Mr. Klayman, I have a couple of 21 follow-up questions for you. 22 I heard you say about two minutes ago that the 23 information is classified, and I seem to recall that at other 24 hearings you said to me, I don't know whether the 25 information's classified, Judge, I've never looked at it

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               So did you perhaps misspeak this afternoon when you
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     said --
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               MR. KLAYMAN: Yeah, I think I misspoke in context.
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     if any such software exists, it's classified or not. That's
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     for the FBI to determine. And it must make that first initial
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     Mr. Montgomery has had with the FBI since, pursuant to your
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     order, could lead potentially to disclosing classified
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     information about what's on those hard drives. That could
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     compromise the FBI's investigation, which is criminal, and
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     undoubtedly Defendants will make this public, and it could
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     compromise the national security of the United States. And
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     that's why this is a very significant matter which can't be
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     taken lightly.
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     Debra Curtis, has said to me orally, said, Larry, you know,
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     don't mix the civil with this criminal case. I mean, we have
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     to proceed criminally here. You know, we're concerned about
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     that.
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               THE COURT: So when you --
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               MR. KLAYMAN: So, you know, it's -- and that's why I
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1 point out, Your Honor, that at this stage, when the 2 Defendants, themselves, have rested their motion to dismiss on 3 the basis that Mr. Risen did not have access to the software, 4 therefore he couldn't have made his opinions that it was fraudulent, and that his entire publication, "Pay Any Price," 5 6 as concerns Mr. Montgomery was simply based on what was 7 already public in terms of prior newspaper articles and 8 Congressional testimony. 9 This -- and given the fact that they designated an 10 expert only by giving us his name on the last day, and could 11 have brought this issue up in front of the Court a lot sooner, 12 this is a strategy, a tactic, to put us in a Catch 22 13 situation, not just me -- I mean, not just Mr. Montgomery, but 14 the FBI and the Department of Justice, to try to get this case dismissed. 15 16 It's kind of like heads, I win, tails you lose. I mean, we didn't base this book on anything that 17 18 was confidential or classified. Even Risen admitted to that 19 when he testified. That's in the objection. 20 But now we're going to make an issue of it, because 21 if we can paint you into a corner, maybe we can get the 22 magistrate judge and/or the judge to rule that the case should 23 be dismissed if you don't turn over something that we never 24 even had anyway when we wrote the book or relied on. 25 See, and it's clever. I predicted this to my

1 colleagues from day one, that Defendants would try this, okay, 2 and this obviously has come to be true. 3 THE COURT: Well, Mr. Klayman, you've already made 4 that argument to me before, and I certainly appreciate your 5 creativity, but you haven't persuaded me of that, because I've 6 already noted that this particular software is, in fact, 7 critical evidence in the case, because this is a defamation 8 case, and one of your main burdens as the Plaintiff is to 9 prove -- it's your burden to prove the falsity of the 10 allegation. 11 And, quite frankly, it doesn't really matter all 12 that much whether Mr. Risen had access to this software or 13 not. 14 Let's assume for the sake of discussion that he just wildly speculated that the software didn't work. He had never 15 16 seen it, he had never had access to it, he had never spoken to 17 anybody about it. He was just incredibly reckless and wrote a 18 book that said the software doesn't work. But if it turns out that the software doesn't work, then it's a true statement. 19 20 So that's still part of your burden of proof. 21 So in any event, you've made that argument before, 22 and, quite frankly, you didn't make much headway then, and 23 you're not making much headway now. 24 But setting that aside, when you told me earlier

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     gave the FBI information so that it could try to track down
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     the software amongst this massive amount of electronically
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     stored information that was given to the FBI, were those
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     communications in writing, or were they oral, or were they
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     both?
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     forwarded to the FBI, and what I also argued was, Your Honor,
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     that Mr. Montgomery did this as soon as he could, because he's
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     been ill. He was in a hospital, had another stroke. And --
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     but that this is part -- to review that information while an
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     objection is pending -- we are challenging this with the
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     security.
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               THE COURT: Have you seen this letter, Mr. Klayman,
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     the one that you said Mr. Montgomery sent to the FBI in order
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     to give it instructions on how to track down the software?
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               MR. KLAYMAN: I've seen the e-mails. We forwarded
     the information that he provided to us to the FBI.
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               THE COURT: So you have seen the written
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     communications that Mr. Montgomery sent to the FBI?
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               MR. KLAYMAN: I have seen that, but I have -- it's
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     not classified. All I'm saying is it could lead a person to
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     information that would possibly be classified, and that's why
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THE COURT:
                     Well, it may be sensitive, Mr. Klayman.
There are a lot of documents in lawsuits that are, quote,
sensitive, and a lot of documents that people would prefer not
to turn over. But the most important word that you said in
your explanation is "could" or "potentially," which, to me, is
simply speculation.
          You have already reviewed these communications, so
you have the ability to tell me, as an officer of the court,
unequivocally whether or not Mr. Montgomery's communications
by e-mail to the FBI in which he gave instructions on where to
find this software contains classified information. You've
reviewed it.
          Does it contain classified --
         MR. KLAYMAN: I don't believe it does, okay, but I
wanted to give the FBI the opportunity to deal with that.
          See, I had no knowledge that Mr. Schwartz had given
anything to Ms. Handman. I was copied on an e-mail asking for
some information, and she was not copied on it. I was never
told by the FBI that I could turn anything over to her.
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          MR. KLAYMAN: I'll swear to an affidavit under oath
in that regard. So --
          THE COURT: Hang on just a minute.
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Ms. Handman, you had made reference to, among the documents that you were looking for, a written agreement between Mr. Montgomery and the Government and the FBI, and I think you even issued or mentioned a date. What was that specific date, the date of the agreement that you're looking to obtain? MS. HANDMAN: It's referenced in Mr. Baker's letter on September 8th, and I believe it's July 28 was the agreement, letter agreement. He says: "Based upon the proffer and your client's representations that certain relevant information on the drives was highly classified, the Government agreed to grant your client production immunity for these items as memorialized in a letter agreement dated July 28, 2015." He then goes on to say -- there's an e-mail. quotes an e-mail on August 12th about the retrieval process. And then what I also referenced -- and those are both referenced in Mr. Baker's letter, which I was CC'd on, as were you, Your Honor, and was put in the public records. Then I followed up with Mr. Schwartz, the gentleman who forwarded Mr. Baker's letter. He's the assistant general counsel for the FBI, and he said: "Ms. Handman, we are unable to provide documents you request at this time, as requests to the FBI for documents in connection with civil litigations must be made in accordance

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with the DOJ's Touhy regulations, also to the extent any documents that you request are covered by the Privacy Act, you would need to provide us with a waiver, a court order or any basis for production. "I can tell you that the FBI sent Mr. Klayman an e-mail on October 1, 2015, asking for more information and clarification in response to an e-mail he sent on September 24, 2015. The FBI has no objection to Mr. Klayman providing you a copy of that e-mail exchange or the other documents you seek," which are the ones that include those two -- the letter agreement that I had mentioned and the e-mail of August 12th. And we told Mr. Klayman that the FBI had no objection, and frankly it's only the Government which can assert the classified privilege, and they've not sought to intervene in this case at any point in time. In fact, in Mr. Baker's letter, he specifically "However, the Government neither agrees to undertake nor understood any obligation to conduct a classification review of any of these materials for the purpose of any civil litigation." And Mr. Klayman mentioned that Ms. Curtis said don't mix the civil with the criminal. Well, you did -- they did, by putting the alleged software, the one and only copy of the

alleged software, in with whatever data dump they gave to the

1 Government. 2 And I would remind the Court that back at the 3 August 21 hearing -- and we briefed this in our August 4 4 memoranda -- we cited the Nevada court which has specifically 5 held that the software was not classified. The Government was 6 a party to that case. 7 And then when Mr. Montgomery did not produce the 8 software, it sanctioned him with a \$2500-a-day sanction, which 9 ultimately resulted in a \$25 million concession of judgment by 10 Mr. Montgomery, followed by bankruptcy that was never 11 discharged, and a reinstatement of the judgment and no 12 production of the software. 13 So it seems to us that this is another effort to 14 circumvent this. 15 And this so-called investigation that Mr. Mont --16 Mr. Klayman mentioned in which he purports to be a 17 whistleblower I think is what the investigation is that Mr. Klayman is referring to, he told a very similar story to 18 19 the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, who paid him 20 approximately \$250,000, and he gave 49 hard drives to them, 21 and ultimately the sheriff's office had two former NSA experts 22 review the hard drives, and they provided a two-page memo on 23 November 13th, 2014, which was recently introduced in the 24 court proceeding in Arizona before federal judge Snow. 25 And their conclusion was that Montgomery, quote, "is

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a complete and total fraud, " and they said, "which, among other things, that the 45 hard drives, among other things, contain a high volume of recordings of Al Jazeera television network," and their conclusion was, "in summary, this letter certifies that as to the best of Mr. Weebie's (phonetic) and Mr. Drake's knowledge, none of the data examined reveals or otherwise supports the assertion that the data contained on the hard drive resulted from the clandestine collection and processing of modern digital network communications and is, instead, evidence of an outright and fraudulent con perpetrated on the Government for person gain and cover." And these hard drives that were subsequently seized by the U.S. Marshals under order of Judge Snow and I believe are also being reviewed by DOJ at this point. And what makes this conclusion so remarkable is not only may our software be at issue in those hard drives, but the two NSA experts, Tom Drake and Kirk Weebie, are clients of Mr. Klayman, who filed a whistleblower suit on their behalf on August 20th of this year in DC federal court. And so he can hardly denigrate their expertise or counter their conclusions. So whether there is indeed -- whether, indeed, he is a whistleblower, whether, indeed, his software is classified, et cetera, this has been a story that's been told for a long time.

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that Mr. Montgomery supply the communications that he's made
to the FBI to enable them to produce the software, and that
the software be produced promptly so that we can defend this
case that he's brought.
          And whether we can't defend it because it's
classified or whether we can't defend it because he's
presented it in such a manner to the FBI, his one and only
copy of the software, that it's now irretrievable, is not our
problem. Our problem is we can't defend the case, and that's
why we're asking that the sanctions outlined in Rule 37 be
awarded.
          MR. KLAYMAN: Your Honor --
          THE COURT: What is Mr. Schwartz's first name again?
         MS. HANDMAN: Ted.
          THE COURT: Ted?
         MS. HANDMAN: Ted.
          And he's the one that forwarded the letter from
Mr. Baker to Your Honor and to myself. And so that's why I
contacted him.
          MR. KLAYMAN: Your Honor.
          THE COURT: Yes, sir.
          MR. KLAYMAN: May I respond to that?
          That's nice testimony. Unfortunately, Ms. Handman
is not a witness in this case.
          I take extreme issue with her characterization of
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the facts.
            I do not know whether any such software exists on
those hard drives, and neither does Mr. Montgomery. He gave
the FBI, on more than one occasion, parameters on how to try
to find it, and they're making that effort right now. And
that should be allowed to run its course, along with our
objection to this entire line of inquiry.
          Secondly, with regard to Mr. Schwartz, I have no
knowledge -- in fact, Ms. Handman basically says two different
things. One, she says that Schwartz tells her that he just
can't turn over communications because there's been no Touhy
request. I know Your Honor knows what a Touhy request is.
          THE COURT: Yes, I do.
         MR. KLAYMAN: Okay. And no Privacy Act request.
          First he says he can't do that, and then she says
the exact opposite, he says, oh, turn it over.
          THE COURT: No, that's not what Ms. Handman said.
          What she said is that Mr. Schwartz said "I," meaning
the FBI, can't turn it over because of Touhy regulations and
the Privacy Act requirements. But there is nothing to prevent
Mr. Klayman or Mr. Montgomery from doing it, and "I, on behalf
of the FBI, have no objection if they turn it over."
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          MR. KLAYMAN: But here's the --
          THE COURT: That's what I understand Ms. Handman to
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MR. KLAYMAN: Okay. I have -- I had -- I have
confusion as to what maybe -- I haven't had much sleep in the
last few weeks. I've had, like, four court hearings and
stuff, and . . .
          THE COURT: Well, let's just clarify.
         MR. KLAYMAN: All right.
          THE COURT: Ms. Handman, wasn't that the point that
you were making?
         MS. HANDMAN: Absolutely, Your Honor. And I have an
e-mail that I'd be happy to furnish counsel and yourself that
says exactly that.
         MR. KLAYMAN: Well, that's nice, Your Honor.
          THE COURT: Whoa, whoa, wait.
         An e-mail from who, Ms. Handman?
         MS. HANDMAN: Mr. Schwartz.
          THE COURT: Okay.
         MR. KLAYMAN: I don't have any such e-mail.
Mr. Schwartz has never told me or Mr. Montgomery anything to
that effect.
          I have to honor the FBI, you know, Your Honor. Not
just that, you know. I was a Justice Department lawyer. I
was a law enforcement officer. I work with the FBI. I've had
FBI agents as clients. I value highly my relationship with
them, and, you know, Director Comey, who we dealt with
directly on this case through Mr. Baker.
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               And I just can't willy-nilly turn things over
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     of knowing -- assuming it's true. And that's a big
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     assumption, you know. And I don't want to get into a
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               THE COURT: You think that -- you think Ms. Handman
     is making up the fact that she received an e-mail from Ted
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     Schwartz? She manufactured a bogus document?
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              MR. KLAYMAN: No, no. In the past -- I mean, she
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     did make up things in the beginning of the case. I brought it
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     up with Your Honor. You said don't bring it up again, so I
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     won't.
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               THE COURT: All right. Well, don't bring that up
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     issue.
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               Let's take it one step at a time.
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              Ms. Handman, the e-mail from Mr. Ted Schwartz,
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     what's date of that e-mail, please?
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               MS. HANDMAN: I wrote him on October 5th, and he
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     responded on October 6th, at 10:55 a.m.
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               THE COURT: And you have Mr. Schwartz's response
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     e-mail there?
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               MS. HANDMAN: Yes, I do.
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               THE COURT: Read it, please.
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              MS. HANDMAN: Attached to my e-mail to him.
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               THE COURT: Read it, please.
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MS. HANDMAN: Okay. 2 "Ms. Handman, we are unable to provide the documents 3 you request at this time, as requests to the FBI for documents 4 in connection with civil litigation must be made in accordance 5 with DOJ's Touhy regulations, 28 CFR 1621, et seq. 6 "Also, to the extent that any documents you request 7 are covered by the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(a), you would 8 need to provide us with a waiver, court order or other basis 9 for production consistent with the Privacy Act. 10 "I can tell you that the FBI sent Mr. Klayman an 11 e-mail on October 1, 2015, asking for more information and 12 clarification in response to an e-mail he sent on 13 September 24, 2015. The FBI has no objection to Mr. Klayman 14 providing you a copy of that e-mail exchange or the other documents you seek." 15 16 And that references my e-mail below, where I ask for 17 that July 28 letter agreement and the August 12 e-mail, which 18 is subject to Your Honor's order of August 22, where you say 19 in paragraph 5: "Concerning Defendants' request for 20 Production 7 to Plaintiff, Plaintiff shall, by August 31, 21 2015, turn over all documents concerning this request" --22 which was a request for documents as to the location of 23 software -- "which would now include documents related to the 24 disclosure and production of the subject software to the FBI." 25 THE COURT: All right. So Ms. Handman, here's what

you're gonna do for me, please. 1 2 By Monday, I want you to, under a notice of filing, 3 file your October 5th, 2015, e-mail to Mr. Schwartz, and then 4 his October 6th response e-mail to you. 5 Now, here's what you're going to do, Mr. Klayman. 6 I realize that you objected to my earlier ruling. Ι realize that you filed a motion for a stay, which I denied, 7 8 and therefore, in the absence of a stay from Judge Martinez or 9 someone else, you need to comply. 10 So by next Tuesday, this coming Tuesday, you will be filing with the Court and producing to Ms. Handman copies of 11 12 all of the correspondence between you and the FBI, you and 13 Ms. Curtis, Mr. Montgomery and the FBI, Mr. Montgomery and 14 Ms. Curtis, concerning Mr. Montgomery's turning over of 15 various ESI, hard drives and other material to the FBI. 16 So that will include all the documents that we've been talking about today, the July 28th, 2015, letter 17 18 agreement, the September 24th e-mail from you, an August 12th, 2015, e-mail, an October 1st, 2015, e-mail, all of the e-mails 19 20 or other correspondence that Mr. Montgomery sent to the FBI in 21 an effort to try to answer Mr. Baker's request for additional 22 information so that the FBI could try to find, in that massive 23 amount of electronic discovery, the software at issue here. 24 In addition to that, by next Wednesday, you, on

Mr. Montgomery's behalf, or Mr. Montgomery himself, will be

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sending the FBI, by e-mail, and in particular Mr. Schwartz, a comprehensive set of instructions, the best available to Mr. Montgomery, as to how to pinpoint the software at issue in this case from the massive amount of material, the 51.6 million files totaling 600 million pages, that were turned over to the FBI. I realize that Mr. Montgomery may have already made some effort in that regard in one or more e-mails, but I want to make sure that he sends to the FBI the most detailed, most comprehensive, most specific set of instructions and guidance as to how to locate the software. And if the answer is, gee, I really can't tell you exactly how to pinpoint the software at issue in this civil lawsuit from among the massive 51.6 million files turned over to the FBI, then he shall so state in this written communication, which must be sent by Wednesday. Copies of that document, which will either be forwarded by you, Mr. Klayman, or sent directly by Mr. Montgomery, will be filed with the Court by the following day, which will be Thursday. So that will be in the court file. In addition, by October 26, you will, in fact, produce the software at issue in this case to the Defendants. Now, I'm going to make sort of a practical observation and a realistic comment, which is even though you're now going to be under a specific court order to produce

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that software October 26th, I'm not naive, and I think there's a significant chance that, for whatever reason, or reasons, you and/or Mr. Montgomery will not be complying with that order. And, therefore, in connection with the Government's -- I'm sorry, with the Defendants' request for sanctions. This is not a mild request. You're seeking, Ms. Handman, the ultimate sanction of a dismissal with prejudice, really based on a spoliation theory, or a violation of a court order, or a combination of both. But that's really not the kind of routine, garden variety discovery matter that I typically consider without the benefit of memoranda. You're asking me to issue a report and recommendation that this entire case be dismissed because the software most likely will not be timely produced to you, notwithstanding the order requiring it. So, therefore, I'm not going to be able to assess that request simply based on a telephone hearing and a letter or two. So if you want me to seriously contemplate issuing that kind of a drastic substantial order of either a dismissal with prejudice or a finding that the software didn't exist or never worked, or even an adverse inference, you're going to have to do so in a specific written motion, and, more

importantly, with a supporting memorandum of law.

So my suggestion is that you get started on that project now. I don't know whether you're going to be drafting it, or one of your colleagues or maybe Mr. Toth, or maybe other Holland & Knight lawyers, or maybe it will be drafted by committee, I don't know. But my suggestion is that you get that project underway, because the sooner that you get that to me, the sooner I'll be able to make a ruling. Because obviously I'm not going to be making a ruling simply based on, number one, this phone call, and, number two, your motion and memorandum. I'm obviously going to have to need to see and adequately review Mr. Montgomery's response.

I'm sure Mr. Klayman will want a full and complete opportunity to respond to your written motion and memorandum.

So you should probably all start whatever research is necessary to get that underway so that we don't have to unduly delay this case any further. I'll be issuing a written administrative order probably Monday summarizing the specific rulings.

But just in case there's any confusion, Mr. Klayman, do you have any questions about the specific rulings and the deadlines that you and Montgomery have to comply with the rulings made this afternoon?

MR. KLAYMAN: No, Your Honor.

We do await your written order, just in case we

1 haven't written it down correctly. 2 But I do have a request here, and we would ask that 3 in terms of producing, as far as what Your Honor has ordered, 4 communications with the FBI, that we be able to produce that 5 and file it under seal. I don't want this out for national 6 security reasons and also for the health, safety and welfare 7 of my own client, who's been threatened by the Government, by 8 certain forces in the Government. 9 We believe that what Risen wrote was the result of 10 trying to smear him, because he's been trying to come forward 11 for years. In fact, we started this process with the FBI 12 about a year ago, long before this case was filed. So I would 13 like to be able to file that under seal to protect him, with 14 Your Honor's permission. THE COURT: Well, based on what I've heard so far, 15 16 Mr. Klayman, we're just talking about some e-mails between 17 Ms. Handman and Mr. Schwartz, some e-mail from Mr. Montgomery 18 saying presumably here's where you would look for this specific file and the software that you have. Doesn't strike 19 20 me that any of these e-mails will contain any classified 21 information or information that, for some reason, needs to be 22 filed under seal. 23 MR. KLAYMAN: Let me tell you what my concern is in 24 that regard.

THE COURT: Sure, sure, go ahead.

1 MR. KLAYMAN: I don't mean to get personal here, but 2 there is a personal aspect of it. 3 Okay. Ms. Handman, as I said in an earlier hearing, 4 is very close with the Obama Administration and also very 5 close with Mrs. Clinton. Her husband is Harold Ickes. Your 6 Honor may know who he is. She made reference to him -- I 7 didn't bring it up -- at the earlier hearing. 8 And I know from experience, having been with 9 Judicial Watch, that Mr. Ickes will do things that -- and I'm 10 trying to find a diplomatic way of doing it -- are very 11 destructive and very politically based, and could use 12 information to try to destroy my client. 13 And that kind of thing, this closeness with the 14 Clinton Administration and with the Obama Administration, 15 causes me great concern that they will use any information 16 that's out there in the public record to try to destroy my 17 client. 18 And I also have the national security concern, 19 so . . . 20 THE COURT: So Mr. Klayman, I hear what you're saying, and here's my observation. 21 22 I'm going to assume for the sake of discussion that 23 your perspective is correct. In other words, assume that 24 Ms. Handman's husband does, in fact, have that motivation. 25 Even if true, that doesn't mean that the documents

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that I'm requiring you to be filed would be the type of
document that he or any other political operative could
somehow use to unfairly intimidate, threaten or prejudice your
client. The documents seem, on their face, to be fairly
innocuous.
          So even if you perceive him to be a very
Machiavellian fellow who is sharpening his knives in order to
go after you or Mr. Montgomery, if the information itself is
innocuous, there's not much that he can do.
          So I'm sensitive to your concern, and I don't want
to just, if I can use the phrase, willy-nilly minimize it.
          But what I will do is I'll give you the opportunity
to review the materials yourself and take a good, hard look at
them, and if you, in good faith, believe that there is
something in these documents that compel an under-seal filing,
then I'll permit you to file a motion to file the materials
under seal in compliance with the local rule, which means you
have to explain the good grounds to file it under seal, and at
that point the documents will be filed under seal.
          You will then --
          MR. KLAYMAN: I will do that.
          THE COURT: Let me just finish.
         MR. KLAYMAN: Okay.
          THE COURT: If you decide to do that -- and, by the
way, it doesn't have to be an all or nothing arrangement.
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them.

In other words, let's say for the sake of discussion, Mr. Clayman, there are 12 pieces of paper that you're filing, seven e-mails and three letters -- I'm just -and two other memos. So it may be that only two out of those 12 pieces of paper are worthy of an under-seal filing. So you would only try to file, or file a motion for an under-seal presentation as to the two pages, not to everything. So you'll make a page-by-page good faith assessment. But then, in addition to that, you will file a courtesy copy of your motion to file under seal, as well as the under-seal documents, to me. You can have them delivered in one of two ways. You can either have them hand delivered to my chambers, or you can submit them to my e-file inbox, which is Goodman@FLSD -- F, as in Frank -- FLSD.USCOURTS.GOV. And then I'll be able to review those materials myself and make a determination as to whether or not your motion to file under seal was well taken. And if it is well taken, the provisional under-seal filing will remain under seal. And if I agree with some of your conclusions but not others, I'll issue an appropriate ruling to unseal some of these pages, but not others. And if I disagree with all of your presentation, then I'll issue an order to unseal all of

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filing materials under seal, and when I think that perhaps an under-seal filing is not such a slam dunk decision I follow this procedure, and then at times I agree with the under-seal filing, and at times not, and then the documents are unsealed. All I would ask you to do, Mr. Klayman, is -- is to take a reasonable, rational view of these materials. And my suspicion is that at least some of them may not be so classified, so confidential, so sensitive, that they need to be filed under seal, because my -- my knee jerk reaction, even though I haven't seen the documents, my knee jerk reaction is that Mr. Schwartz, who's a high ranking FBI attorney, would be hard pressed to be writing Ms. Klayman (sic) to say, but it's -- we're perfectly okay if these documents are disclosed by someone else, if those documents contained classified information. I think he probably would be hesitant about making that kind of a comment if the documents were as sensitive as you suspect that they may be. But in any event, that's the protocol that we will follow, and everybody has their homework assignment, and to the extent there's any confusion, the written order memorializing the rulings will be out to give you some quidance. So --MS. HANDMAN: Judge Goodman, one other thing. I assume that we will get copies of the filings --

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the motion to file under seal, as well as the unseal -- the --
all the documents so that we can review and respond. I mean,
that's not putting on the record. It's not subject to any
restriction, other than obviously we won't make it public
until you've ruled on what is or is not sealed, but I
assume --
          THE COURT: Well, sort of, but not exactly.
          In other words, when Mr. Klayman --
          First of all, he may not even file a motion to seal.
Maybe he'll review the documents and say, you know, on second
thought I may have overstated the sensitive nature, and maybe
they don't need to be filed under seal. So that's always a
possibility.
         But if he does decide to file it under seal, he'll
file a motion. He'll have to follow the local rule
procedures, and it will have to be, you know, personally
hand-delivered over to the sealing clerk here in the Clerk of
the Court, and it will be a motion to file under seal, and
then the actual under-seal submissions will be attached. And
so therefore that's filed under seal.
          But, Mr. Klayman, you will serve counsel in the case
with a copy of the motion itself, not the under-seal
documents, but the motion.
         Because the motion itself is not a sensitive
document. The motion is merely the request for an under-seal
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filing, along with the purported rationale for the under-seal
filing. So obviously in the motion you're not going to be
quoting the actual language from the documents under seal,
because that would let the cat out of the bag.
          You understand what I'm saying, right?
         MR. KLAYMAN: I do.
         And I just have a --
         MS. HANDMAN: Judge Goodman, this is not -- I mean,
when things get -- you know, a motion is made under seal, the
parties get to see it. It's the public that doesn't get to
see it.
          THE COURT: No, no, no.
         MS. HANDMAN: Unless you're seeking in-camera
review, ex parte in-camera review.
         And, you know, I absolutely take issue, of course,
with everything he said about me and my husband, but I won't
clutter the record with that. But the notion that we should
not be able to see it, as well. Yes, the public may not be
able to see it, and, yes, we're bound not to disclose it while
we see it and it's under seal. But it's my understanding that
when there's a motion to file something under seal, that
doesn't exclude the parties to the litigation. They are bound
by the sealing until it's unsealed.
          THE COURT: It depends, Ms. Handman. It all depends
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I have cases all the time where people make an under-seal filing where the actual under-seal submission is not shown to the other side. For example, let's say that somebody is arguing that a document is protected by work product or attorney/client. Obviously, they're not going to be submitting copies of a work product document to the other side. Instead, it's subject to an in-camera ex parte examination by the judge. In this case it will be me. And if I look at the material and decide that it is privileged, then the under-seal submission remains under seal, and the opposing party will not get to see it. On the other hand, if I disagree with that theory, then I'll make an appropriate ruling, and the documents are unsealed, and then the opposing counsel gets to see it. So in this particular --MS. HANDMAN: Your Honor, that's privilege material that obviously, you know, you're trying to protect from the other side seeing. This is a motion to seal. We have a protective order in place, that it could be produced subject

other side seeing. This is a motion to seal. We have a protective order in place, that it could be produced subject to that, as well. And I really don't see the same process applying here, where — as to the parties. As to the public, yes.

And I would point out if Mr. Klayman has it — I don't believe he's gotten classification — clearance,

don't believe he's gotten classification -- clearance, security clearance. He says he doesn't have it, and that's

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why he hasn't looked at anything. So, by definition, I don't think they could possibly be classified or subject to a security clearance, and I don't know that he could provide it to you without a security clearance. So I really don't think it's the same process as privilege, and we do have a protective order, and I am an officer of the court, and I would observe any sealing requirements that is in place. THE COURT: So Mr. Klayman, is it your position that the under-seal filing should also preclude opposing counsel from reviewing these materials, or just the public? MR. KLAYMAN: Well, subject to your review, Your Honor. I think you laid out a very fair and reasonable and legally defensible procedure here. I'd like you to be able to see it first. Now, I do have concerns about it being turned over before you have a chance to take a look at it. And I've got to tell you, I mean, Mrs. Handman started laughing when I made reference to Harold Ickes, her husband. But I deposed him twice in the 1990s, and it was believed -- and I certainly believe it based on the information I got -- that he intimidated witnesses during that period of Clinton scandals. And that's why the court, Judge Lambert, allowed me to depose him.

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In fact, he was ordered back at a deposition, when he left the deposition room claiming he was going to defecate on my carpet. Okay. So I have --THE COURT: I think we're getting a little far afield here, Mr. Klayman. MR. KLAYMAN: Okay. I have serious concerns, and I want an order -- I would ask the Court to make an order to Ms. Handman not to share this information with her husband. MS. HANDMAN: Believe me, he has no interest in it. MR. KLAYMAN: Oh, I believe he has a great interest, because Mr. Montgomery does have information about both the Obama Administration and Hillary Clinton, okay, and you are both very close with her. THE COURT: Listen, folks, folks, I'm sorry. It's now 5:30 on a Friday afternoon, and the hearing is about to end. In fact, I thought the hearing did end, and then I asked if there were any questions about the ruling. So when you file --First of all, who knows whether you're going to even want to file all or some of these documents under seal. You may have second thoughts. But if you do want to file some or all under seal, you'll file the appropriate motion, you'll attach the documents to be filed under seal. You'll serve Ms. Handman with a copy of the motion, as well as copies of

1 the under-seal documents. 2 Ms. Handman will not be able to provide or share or 3 discuss those documents with her husband. 4 And then, in addition, you will serve me with a 5 courtesy copy of the under-seal documents. I've already told you the two alternatives for providing courtesy copies to me. 6 7 And then I will decide whether or not an under-seal 8 submission is possible. 9 Based on what you've told me so far, Mr. Klayman, it 10 sounds like you have a significant hurdle to clear to convince 11 me, because these documents sound to be relatively innocuous, 12 and the mere fact that you or Mr. Montgomery would prefer that 13 they not be filed, or that you (sic) might be potentially 14 embarrassing, or they're, quote, sensitive, whatever that 15 means, typically those are not sufficient reasons for an 16 under-seal filing. So that's my general orientation. 17 So that's the ruling. I think everybody understands 18 what's going to be happening in the next few days. 19 20 So we will be in recess, and I wish everybody a good 21 weekend. Take care. By, now. 22 MR. KLAYMAN: Thank you, Your Honor. 23 MS. HANDMAN: Thank you, Your Honor. 24 (Proceedings concluded.) 25

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