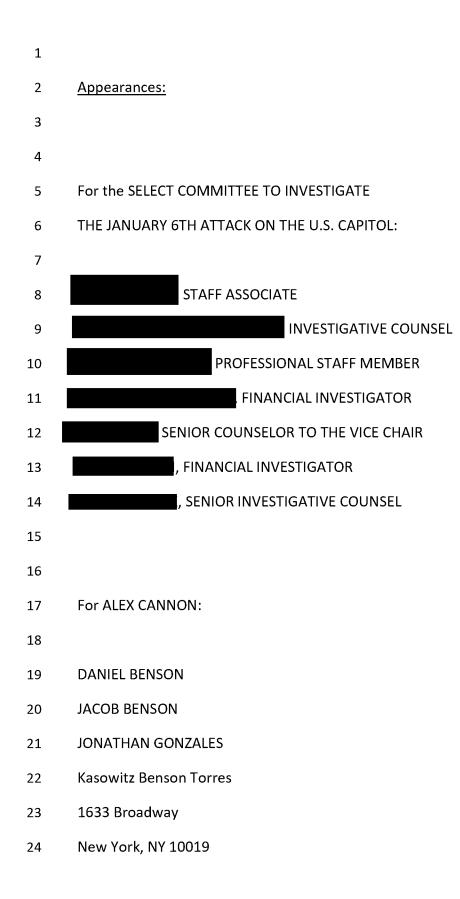
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5	JANUARY 6TH ATTACK ON THE U.S. CAPITOL,
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11	INTERVIEW OF: ALEX CANNON
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15	Thursday, August 18, 2022
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17	Washington, D.C.
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20	The interview in the above matter was held via Webex, commencing at 12:59 p.m.

21 Present: Representative Aguilar.



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2	All right. This is the transcribed interview of Alex
3	Cannon, conducted by the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack
4	on the United States Capitol, pursuant to House Resolution 503.
5	At this time, I'm going to ask the witness to please state your full name for the
6	record.
7	Mr. <u>Cannon.</u> Alexander Wells Cannon.
8	And, Mr. Cannon, this will be a staff-led interview, though
9	Members may choose to ask questions. At this time, I do not see any members present.
10	My name is defined and the lim an investigative counsel with the
11	select committee. With me from the select committee is select to my left ,
12	senior investigative counsel; to my right, second second second , financial investigator; and
13	we are joined by via the Webex who is senior counsel to the vice chair.
14	At this time, I'd ask your counsel to identify himself for the record and any lawyers
15	with you, Mr. Benson.
16	Mr. <u>Benson.</u> Daniel Benson, Kasowitz Benson Torres, representing Mr. Cannon,
17	and joining me is Jonathan Gonzales of our firm and Jacob Benson of our firm.
18	All right. Now, Mr. Cannon, you are voluntarily here for
19	this transcribed interview. The ground rules for this interview are, first, there's an
20	official reporter transcribing the record of this interview. The reporter transcription will
21	be official record.
22	The proceeding is also audio and video recorded, and we ask that you do not
23	audio or video record the proceeding.
24	Please wait until each question is complete before you begin to response, and
25	we'll do our best to wait until your response is complete before we ask the next question.

1	The reporter cannot note nonverbal responses, such as shaking or noddin	ig your	
2	head. So it's important that you respond to each question with an audible, verbal		
3	response.		
4	Please give complete answers to the best of your recollection, and if the a	answer is	
5	unclear, please ask for clarification. If you don't know an answer, please just sa	y so.	
6	We're happy to take any breaks for you, whether comfort breaks, to spea	k with	
7	your attorney at any time. Just let us know, we're happy to accommodate.		
8	Now before we begin, do you have any questions?		
9	Mr. <u>Cannon.</u> No, sir, I don't. Thank you.		
10	All right.		
11	EXAMINATION		
12	BY		
13	Q All right. Mr. Cannon, seeing that we had a prior transcribed inter	view with	
14	you, we're not going to go over some of the biographical and educational inform	ation	
15	that you stated the first time we met with you.		
16	In preparation for this interview, did you collect documents that were res	ponsive	
17	to our request?		
18	A Yes, sir.		
19	Q Can you describe that process for us?		
20	A I contacted our e-discovery vendor, asked them to bring down data	that	
21	would've been responsive to the request. I reviewed the data and produced th	e data	
22	that was responsive to your request.		
23	Q And who is that e-discovery vendor?		
24	A That's 2M Document Management Imaging and Management.		
25	Q Yeah. Going forward, we'll just refer to them as 2M. Is that okay	, with	

1 you?

	2	А	Yes, sir.
	3	Q	And we see from and without getting into conversations you had with your
	4	lawyer, in tł	ne documents you produced, there are a variety of redactions in those
	5	documents.	Did you review all those redactions before the production was made to us?
	6	А	Yes, sir.
	7	Q	Okay. So it's fair to say that, to the best of your ability, you believe all
	8	those redac	tions and the related substance as indicated on the face of redactions are
	9	accurate?	
:	10	А	Yes, I do, yes, sir.
:	11	Q	All right. So today, Mr. Cannon, we're going to speak a bit about just
	12	giving you a	roadmap, because we're going to try to make this a pretty relatively quick
:	13	interview a	nd try to be precise with our questioning and kind of get to the point.
	14	We'	re going to talk a bit about how the recount expense process worked both
:	15	after the ele	ection and also how that's worked since the end of the Trump administration.
:	16	So, s	tarting on that first question, take us to post-election day. There's now
:	17	fundraising	for elections. What's the process by which expenditures are approved by
:	18	the campai	gn?
:	19	А	Are you talking about any expenditure? I mean, it's there's a lot of
	20	expenditure	es that happen.
:	21	Q	To be specific, the recount expenses.
:	22	А	So what date where are we right now in time? I mean, obviously the
:	23	recount acc	ount and recount fund was used for a number of purposes. But I want to
:	24	make sure t	hat I'm being responsive to your question.
:	25	Q	No, I appreciate that. So we're talking post-election. So let's

1 actually -- I'm going to show you an exhibit that may help frame some of this, about what 2 we're talking about. It's an exhibit that will be up in a minute. It's an email from you -- that comes to you from an individual named Stewart 3 Crosland. Can you tell us who that is? 4 Α Yeah. Stewart Crosland is outside counsel at Jones Day. 5 And am I right that Mr. Crosland and Jones Day handled the campaign's 6 Q efficacy compliance issues? 7 А That is correct. 8 9 Q Okay. So here's an email that's been marked exhibit 1. It's a November 10 9th email from Mr. Crosland from Jones Day, providing disclaimer language. And, if we 11 scroll to the bottom there, you see that Mr. Crosland --Sorry, just one moment. It's very small on my screen. 12 А 13 I have to --Okay. Is that -- maybe we can zoom in. 14 Q А No, it was me. It was how I had it laid out. We're fine now. 15 Oh, I'm sorry. Okay. 16 Q All right. Is that better now for you? 17 Yes, sir. 18 А 19 Q Okay. So here you see it's a November 9th email from Mr. Crosland to you 20 and copying Sean Dollman, and it says: This is what a split page would need. 21 It then has a disclaimer that would go at the bottom of a fundraising email. Does that seem familiar to you? 22 23 А Yeah, it does. It looks like it's from my production, so, yes. Yes. And then you see, in the second paragraph there, it says: Your 24 Q 25 contribution to DJTFP will be allocated to DJTFP's recount account up to the maximum of

1	\$2,800 per	individual. Donations to DJTFP's recount account will be used solely in	
2	connection with any post-election recounts and election contests and not for the purpose		
3	of influencing any Federal election.		
4	Have you seen that disclaimer before?		
5	А	Yes, sir.	
6	Q	Okay. So here it references a campaign recount account. What did you	
7	understand	that recount account to be?	
8	А	So I think I previously gave some testimony on this subject, but after election	
9	day, when p	polls close, a campaign can raise money and make expenditures for two	
10	purposes.	The first is debt retirement, and the second one is recount.	
11	Q	And, as far as the latter, the recount option, did the campaign set up a	
12	segregated	account to handle those recount-related donations?	
13	А	I believe so, but I I don't know all of the different accounts that the	
14	campaign h	as, but I believe that they would've done that, yes.	
15	Q	All right. And the campaign would've done that to be in compliance with	
16	FEC rules.	Is that correct?	
17	А	I don't know if it's required to be in compliance, but my guess is that that I	
18	can't answe	er that question, whether or not there's a specific rule that requires it, sitting	
19	here today.		
20	Q	And who would be the person at the campaign who would be tasked with	
21	knowing the	at?	
22	А	With knowing? I mean, we would've taken advice from Jones Day. It	
23	would've be	een, you know, the treasury team and Sean Dollman.	
24	Q	And who would know from the campaign whether a segregated account	
25	was, in fact	, created?	

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- A I mean, Dollman, Mr. Dollman.

2 Q So your understanding was, as you just said, that when the funds -- after the 3 debt retirement, any funds the campaign itself was raising would've been for the purpose of post-election recounts and otherwise challenging the election. Is that fair? 4 5 А I mean, that is -- that is certainly one use of the funds. 6 Q Is there another use that you're aware of? 7 А Well, I mean, I'll tell you that any expenditures that have been made out of recount were made consistent with advice from outside counsel. And I'm not going to 8

9 get into the substance of, you know, privileged conversations, but outside counsel did
10 provide advice with respect to what can and cannot be paid out of recount, and we
11 followed that advice.

12 Q And I appreciate that, and we're not looking to get into your communication 13 with outside counsel, but we are looking to get a sense of your understanding as to what 14 these funds could and could not be used for.

A Well, my understanding is that, like it says in the disclaimer here, it can't be used -- one of the things it cannot be used for is to influence an election. So it cannot be used for electioneering purposes --

18 Q And is it fair to say --

19 A -- the specific definition under FECA.

20 Q And, consistent with this disclaimer that you received from outside counsel,

21 was it also your understanding that it could be used solely in connection with any

22 post-election recounts and election contests?

A No, sir, that is not correct. That is not consistent with the advice we got
from outside counsel.

25 Q So are you saying that the advice you got from outside counsel is not what is

1 in this disclaimer provided by outside counsel?

2 А Well, I mean, I'm not -- I'm saying that there are categories here of 3 information -- look, this is the disclaimer that they provided to us. We got subsequent advice from outside counsel about how we could use recount funds, and we used the 4 5 funds in accordance with that advice from outside counsel. 6 I'm not going to weigh in and provide advice on what's, you know, how I interpret 7 this disclaimer. You guys can interpret the disclaimer. Q Okay. Now, so, Mr. Cannon, I want to be clear. Is it -- when you got this 8 9 disclaimer sent to you November 9th of 2020, it was your understanding that this disclaimer would be what's going out to potential donors of the campaign, correct? 10 А That is correct. 11 12 Q And when individuals made donations, post-election, to the campaign, they 13 were being told what their money would and would not be used for. Is that correct? А That is correct. 14 15 Q And when the disclaimer in the second paragraph says it would be used solely in connection with any post-election recount and election contest, that was telling 16 donors what their money would be used solely for, is that fair, at that time? 17 I suppose -- I mean, I suppose so. 18 А 19 Mr. Benson. Excuse me. I think the language speaks for itself, and, you know, I 20 think it was -- I think that it was provided by the same counsel that provided the later 21 advice with respect to the use of the funds. No, I appreciate that, 22 23 BY But if we scroll up here, Mr. Cannon, you forward this language on to Darren 24 Q 25 Centinello further up, correct?

1	А	I I mean, I can't see.
2	Q	Yeah. So you forward it to Mr. Centinello, right?
3	А	Okay.
4	Q	I'm saying asking, do you see that?
5	А	I see that, yes, sir.
6	Q	And then Mr. Centinello, who has a datapier address, then responds: And
7	which discla	aimer goes on the email?
8	And	says: Standard DJTFP.
9	And	then you respond: Both DJTFP and Save America.
10	А	Okay.
11	Q	Correct?
12	А	Yes.
13	Q	So is it fair to say that when you forwarded this on to Mr. Centinello, you had
14	an understa	anding as to what that disclaimer meant, the import of it? Is that fair?
15	А	Yeah. I knew it had to go at the bottom. I knew, after election day, we
16	had to char	ge the disclaimer. That's what Jones Day was telling us.
17		BY :
18	Q	Can I ask a, I guess, a mechanical question? And apologies if this doesn't
19	make sense	because it is very campaign-finance related. But how can you put two
20	disclaimers	at the bottom of an email? Are they if they're different? Or do they
21	have to be o	consistent?
22	А	I mean, are there two disclaimers at the bottom of any emails that you've
23	seen?	
24	Q	No. I'm trying to figure out what you mean when you say "both DJTFP and
25	Save Ameri	ca." Because he says, "which disclaimer goes on the emails, standard DJTFP,"

1 and you say: Both DJTFP and Save America.

2	A I'm not sure, sitting here right now, what I meant by that. I mean, I think		
3	what I was getting at was that these are the disclaimers that are to be used on both DJTFP		
4	and Save America. But I mean, it's we're talking, I mean, this has been almost 2 years		
5	now.		
6	Q Yeah, no, I understand that. I guess, if it was specific to that instance, I was		
7	just curious if it meant the ones that included donations to both entities or if you actually		
8	meant emails both from I was just trying to figure out what you meant there, what the		
9	both was in reference to.		
10	A I probably could've answered that question 2 years ago. I don't know right		
11	now		
12	Q Okay.		
13	A sitting here, what I meant.		
14	BY		
15	Q All right, Mr. Cannon, I want to show you another email that we've marked		
16	as exhibit 2, which is we talked about this email previously in your first transcribed		
17	interview. And I'm going to start with your on the second page of this email. Excuse		
18	me.		
19	So it's 2 days later from the email we just discussed. It's November 11th, and		
20	Cleta Mitchell, a lawyer with Foley Lardner at that time, sends you an email that says: Is		
21	there a legal defense fund set up just for Trump campaign, or is that part of the JFC with		
22	RNC?		
23	Do you see that?		
24	A Yes, I do.		
25	Q And then you respond: The campaign has a recount fund, and RNC has a		

1	legal proceedings fund. There is fundraising occurring through the JFA. In addition,		
2	POTUS established a leadership PAC on Monday night that has been added to the JFA.		
3	Do you see that, sir?		
4	A Yes, I do.		
5	Q And that leadership PAC is Save America, correct?		
6	A Yes, sir. I believe so.		
7	Q All right. If we scroll up further, Ms. Mitchell asks you questions about how		
8	they can help, how she can help with money being raised.		
9	We'll scroll up further, and then you provide some clarification, and you say:		
10	There is no specific name for the recount fund. It's just a segregated, restricted account		
11	held it says "help," but I think you meant held by the campaign. Not sure what Dan		
12	Coates has to do with anything.		
13	So here does this refresh your recollection that you were aware that the		
14	campaign had a segregated restricted account to which it raised recount funds?		
15	A It appears that at that time that was my understanding.		
16	Q Okay. And you would've gotten that understanding from who?		
17	A I mean, probably from someone on the treasury team. I mean, it would've		
18	been, you know, either Sean, or it would've been Stewart Crosland, I mean, any number		
19	of people.		
20	BY :		
21	Q Crosland was the attorney, or he was on the treasury team?		
22	A No. Stewart Crosland is the partner at Jones Day who worked under		
23	Ben Ginsberg, who was providing outside counsel.		
24	Q He could've told you about the fund that was created?		
25	A Well, yeah, because he would've been the one who advised the campaign		

whether or not we had to have a restricted -- a segregated account or a non-segregated
 account.

Q Oh, I think we should be more particular. I think my colleague was asking who would've actually told you that the account had been set up. So we want to be careful --

A We knew -- sorry. We knew -- I'm sorry. You can finish your question,

Q No. I just want to -- we want to be very careful because there is this issue
with your counsel, and we don't want to ask you about communications with counsel.

10 So, understanding that counsel may have said you need to set up a fund, the 11 question of, but who would've told you that the fund had actually been created, it

sounded like that would've been more Mr. Dollman or somebody who would've actually
been responsible for setting up the fund. Is that fair?

A Yeah, that's fair. I mean, they would've had to, in order to raise money into it. I mean, it would've -- through the WinRed process and everything, it would have to be set up. It would have to be aimed at an account. Right?

Q Right. And so I think that's what we were asking, is, you say it's a segregated, restricted account, which presumably you may have gotten legal advice to create, but who would've actually created such that money could go in, that would've been Mr. Dollman or somebody on the actual treasury team. That's what we were trying to confirm.

A Yeah, I believe that's correct. Yeah, I don't know who else would've been setting up accounts.

24 Q Okay.

BY

1	Q Now, Mr. Cannon, here in this email where you talk about the fundraising		
2	through the joint fundraising agreement, you're talking about what's referred to as		
3	TMAGAC, correct?		
4	A Yeah. I think that was the only joint fundraising committee at that time.		
5	Q Yeah.		
6	A There might've still been Trump Victory, but I don't think that we were doing		
7	small dollar fundraising through Trump Victory.		
8	Q And that's my understanding as well from our investigation.		
9	So is it then fair to say that the fundraising that's occurring around this time,		
10	November 11th, that's going through TMAGAC, the funds that were being raised for the		
11	purpose of campaign would've been going to this recount fund, this segregated account?		
12	A I don't know the split, though, because the RNC was a part of that, of		
13	TMAGAC, the Trump campaign was a part of it, and I believe, at this time, Save America		
14	was a part of it as well. So, as of November 11th, I don't know what the split would've		
15	been.		
16	Q Now, putting aside the split of how the money was actually the		
17	percentages, but the RNC funds went to whatever the RNC had set up for themselves.		
18	Save America went to whatever account Save America set up for itself, and the Trump		
19	campaign funds would've gone to this segregated account that you reference here. Is		
20	that correct?		
21	A Again, there was a waterfall also that was occurring under the JFA at various		
22	times. I don't know if as of November 11th, the waterfall had, you know, whether it was		
23	a split or whether it was a waterfall within the debt retirement and recount, or whether it		
24	was a waterfall with recount on top and debt retirement below. I mean, I don't know as		
25	of this date		

1 Q For the purpose of our discussion, once the debt was paid off, as you noted 2 before, the campaign would've then been raising money for the purposes of recount 3 expenses, correct?

A Once the debt was paid off -- I mean, I don't think debt was paid off until a lot later because there's -- you know, there's trailing expenses, right? So it's not like all debt was paid off as of a certain date. I'm pretty sure there were trailing expenses.

7 Q So --

8 A There would've been -- there would've been an estimate, I presume, at some 9 point that was made of what the campaign's debt situation would be, and there would be 10 fundraising that would occur to meet whatever that estimate is.

11 Q Yeah. Is it fair to say, which I believe you already testified to, that the funds 12 that did not go towards the debt, that the campaign fundraised post-election, would've 13 gone to this segregated or restricted account that you reference here?

A It would have gone -- if it did not go -- so if it went to DJTFP prior to DJTFP's conversion into a multi-candidate PAC, and it did not go into debt retirement, then it would've gone into recount. Is that clear?

17 Yeah. And I'm sorry so sorry. I just need to followup. I'm 18 probably the one who's the worst at this, so bear with me, apologies.

Q When you said the multi-candidate, that's MAGA PAC?

20 A That's correct.

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Q Okay. So, if I understand you, and I want to make sure -- if I repeat it, I have a better chance of making sure I have it right. So, if the funds were raised to DJTFP and they were not spent on debt retirement, any remaining funds that were not spent on debt retirement would have gone to this segregated, restricted account for recounts for MAGA PAC?

- 1 A I believe so.
- 2 Q Okay.
- 3 A Yes.

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- Q I just want to make sure I got it right.
- 5 A I mean, that's my understanding of what should've -- what should've 6 happened, but, again, there was constant communication between our treasury team and
- 7 Jones Day throughout this entire period, so.
- Q And we want to make sure it's your understanding, understanding that you're not the person hitting these buttons and you may not actually know what happened, just what your understanding of what the process was.

Okay.

- A Okay.

 - BY

Q Just out of curiosity, and I know this was a while ago, but do you have a ball park of how much money would've been moved to MAGA PAC after the debt was retired -- after the debt was paid off, do you have any idea how much was then moved into MAGA PAC, into the segregated, restricted account?

18 A Well, no, I don't think there would've been money moved into a recount
19 account. It would've been raised into that account.

20 Q Oh, then I misunderstood you a moment ago.

A All that happens when a -- so, at the end of a campaign, the principal campaign committee can do one of two things. It can wind down and terminate, or it can convert into a leadership PAC, or if it meets certain qualifications, it can revert into a multi-candidate PAC.

25 The decision was made, with respect to this, predominantly because of a whole

1 host of, you know, legacy civil litigations, that we needed to convert into a

2 multi-candidate PAC because the FEC would not let us shut down the principal campaign
3 committee.

Q Okay. And so the money doesn't -- it would just sit and convert into MAGA PAC, and it could only be used for recount. So I guess what I was asking was, after the debt was retired, do you have any idea how much money was left that could then only be used for recounts?

A Well, I mean, I object a little bit with -- to the way you're leading me to say
that the money could only be used for recounts.

10 Q Oh, if that's not right, correct me, because if I'm getting it wrong, tell me.

11 A I'm not going to -- I'm not going to get into privileged conversations, and 12 we've already agreed to that, but there is guidance from the FEC, there are advisory 13 opinions, that -- and specific guidance that was given to us by Jones Day, about what can 14 and cannot be spent out of a recount account.

Now, the recount account has that name. It has that recount account name, but
there are other expenditures that can be made, provided they're not being used to
influence an election. That is the advice that we got from outside counsel.

Q Okay. So I guess let me rephrase my question, and then you tell me if it's still wrong. Once the debt retirement was paid, so the debt was paid off, do you have any idea how much money was left that DJTFP had that would then have to go somewhere else?

A No, I don't know, but it would've been -- it would've been publicly reported. I don't know if DJTFP would've had any additional money at that point. I just don't know the answer to that.

25 I mean, it would -- it would all be contained in FEC reports. I mean, everything's

1 publicly reported. So, if money changes accounts or is refunded to another account or 2 moved to another account, that's all publicly reported. Those reports are all reviewed by Jones Day. 3 Q Okay. 4 А As well as staff at the FEC, I'd like to add too, so, you know, we have -- we've 5 been doing this, we've been filing reports now, MAGA PAC, Save America, have been 6 7 filing reports now for almost 2 years since election day. We have yet to even receive a request for additional information from the FEC on 8 9 any of the expenditures. And that's a staff level, not talking about the Commissioners 10 upstairs, I'm talking about staff level at the FEC. -- I'm sorry. I didn't mean to cut you off. Go ahead, please finish. 11 Q 12 А Was your question, are RFAIs common, are requests for additional 13 information common? Do staff members commonly file RFAIs? 14 Q Yes. А Yeah. Those are very common. 15 Q 16 Okay. You can get -- you can get an RFAI, request for additional information, you 17 А can get those for something as simple as, you know, you used the word "consultant" 18 19 when they would prefer that you use the word "contractor." Right? 20 So these are routine matters that happen at the FEC, and we have -- we've not 21 even received an RFAI, which is why it's sort of, like, you know, I'm a little perplexed as to 22 why this is something that this committee is looking into, just to be completely honest. 23 Q When was the last time -- you said you haven't received one. How long has it been since you received an RFAI? 24 Oh, I mean, I think it's been quite some time. Again, that would be, you 25 А

know, a question for -- those usually get sent to the treasurers, right, and then they get
 forwarded to legal counsel for handling. So --

Sorry. I just want to make clear who we're talking about. When you say 3 Q the treasurer, are you talking about Red Curve, or are you talking about Mr. Dollman? 4 I'm talking about -- well, it would come through me to Mr. Dollman, but I 5 А 6 would assume that they're sent to -- I know that they're sent, actually, to Red Curve if there's an RFAI. 7 Q Okay. So, just in terms of understanding the process and making sure 8 9 we're using the correct terminology, when you say it would go to the treasurer, it would 10 go to Red Curve and then presumably to you and Mr. Dollman to respond? А 11 Yeah. Or to -- or to Jones Day to respond. You know, usually those are 12 handled through either a letter back to the FEC explaining exactly what the report means, or you do an amendment to a report. 13

14 Q Okay.

A That's been my experience. I mean, I haven't -- I am aware that RFAIs happen frequently. It's not something that we've gotten a lot from, you know, this particular committee, which is probably the most scrutinized political committee in the history of America politics.

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Q Which committee?

20 A Donald J. Trump for President, Inc.

Q Okay. Well, I wasn't sure. There's multiples, so I just want to -- we try to be particular. When you're saying "the committee," I just want to make sure which one we were talking about.

A Yeah. We were talking about a recount account, so I'm talking about Donald J. Trump for President, Inc.

1	Q Got it. Okay. Thank you. That is very helpful explanation.
2	All right, Mr. Dollman Mr. Dollman Mr. Cannon,
3	excuse me.
4	Sorry about that.
5	Mr. <u>Cannon.</u> No, it's okay, you can confuse me with Mr. Dollman. He's
6	stronger and better looking than I am, so it's fine with me.
7	BY
8	Q Mr. Cannon, we're going to have to head to a little later in November of
9	2020. I'm going to show you what's been marked as exhibit 4.
10	So here so it's an email that you sent excuse me that Mr. Kushner sent you.
11	The initial email is, Sean Dollman actually sends a cash update, and he talks about:
12	Below the screenshot for the current position of the three accounts. And those three
13	accounts, a DJTFP general is the first, recount/legal is the second, and Save America is the
14	third.
15	Do you recall receiving these preaudit cash position updates?
16	A I mean, I recall them because I gave a production to you guys, but I think I
17	testified previously that, if I hadn't done this production, I never would've recalled
18	receiving these, because I don't think I ever really paid a whole lot of attention to them.
19	Q I want to scroll up here, and here Mr. Kushner sent you an email. It says:
20	I'm traveling for a few days it's November 29th he says: When I get back, let's
21	discuss a new system for paying bills where we need DJT to sign off on them and that's
22	Mr. Trump, the President, right, DJT?
23	A lassume so, yeah.
24	Q He says: I want to create a tighter process for going forward. We should
25	have a budget we approve, and it shouldn't go to him unless approved by Sean and Justin

1 and maybe Alex.

2	And that's talking about a budget going to approval by President Trump, correct?
3	A That seems to be what Mr. Kushner's talking about, yes.
4	Q Did you have any other discussions about this so-called new system that
5	Mr. Kushner is referring to?
6	A I don't believe this meeting ever happened. I mean, you know, I don't
7	recall it. I think I had previously testified that I don't recall having a conversation about,
8	you know, a budget going forward or processes for approvals and things like that.
9	Q Were you aware of President Trump's involvement in the approvals of
10	budgets post-election budgets?
11	A What time period are we talking about, and what committee are we talking
12	about?
13	Q Between from post-election through the end of the administration,
14	January 20th, are you aware of President Trump approving any kind of expenditures by
15	the Trump campaign?
16	A No, I'm not aware of that.
17	Q Okay. Going forward, when the campaign converts to MAGA PAC, is
18	President Trump involved in the process for approving expenses undertaken by MAGA
19	PAC?
20	A I don't believe I've ever had a conversation with him about expenses out of
21	MAGA PAC and whether or not certain things can get paid.
22	Q Well, broader than what conversations you've had, are you aware, from any
23	source, about whether President Trump has any involvement with MAGA PAC's
24	expenses?
25	A I don't know the process. I mean, it would be it would be speculation on

my part, and I'm just not going to -- I'm not going to speculate on how expenses get
approved.

3 Q Do you know how MAGA PAC expenses get approved?

A No. I mean, it -- well, wait a second. What do you mean? That's an
extremely broad question, right? Because there's obviously some expenses that, you
know, are legal expenses that I'm aware of, right? But in terms of what's the process
from receiving a bill to a wire going out or a check being cut, in granular detail, no, I don't
know that.

9 Q Well, and I appreciate the clarification. You just testified, as far as 10 President Trump's involvement from the election day to January 20th, you don't have any 11 knowledge as to whether or not he was involved in the approval of expenses. Is that 12 correct?

13 A That's correct.

Q Now, going after January 20th, and I believe in February when MAGA PAC emerges as an entity, are you aware of whether President Trump has any involvement in the approval of MAGA PAC's expenses, in any way?

17 A I -- I just -- it's -- I don't know. I don't know for sure. Okay? I don't know 18 for sure.

19 It's okay to say you don't know, Mr. Cannon. We -- this is literally 20 what we're trying to find out, is, who are the people that have the information about the 21 process, because our understanding is, is that a lot of people left, a lot of people don't 22 work for them anymore.

It's who was at MAGA PAC or who was running these things or what happened
after the transition, that's what we're trying to find out. So, if you're not the proper
person who doesn't know, that's fine.

If you know who a better person is, who handles the mechanics of that stuff, and
 say, "Oh, actually I'm not the person, this would be the person," that would be super
 helpful too.

So, if you don't know, we don't want to ask the wrong people the information.
But if you do know who the proper person is, we understand people change, just that
would be helpful too, so that's fine.

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- Q Do you know who is tasked with the approving expenses for MAGA PAC?

9 A Yeah, I mean, I believe -- so when you say "approving expenses," this is one I

really want to make sure we're on the same page, okay, because we may receive, you

11 know, a bill, from a law firm that's representing us in, you know, some civil litigation.

12 Okay? I'll take a look at that because a lot of times I end up working with these people,

13 right? So I'll take a look at that and say: Okay. This seems to make sense.

Generally I respond with "this looks good to me" or "hang on, I'm going to call this outside counsel and figure out what the deal is with the bill."

16 After that, I don't know the process.

17 Q Well, what do you do? What's your last step in the process?

18 A My last step in the process is sending an email to somebody who's on the

accounts payable group -- it could be Mr. Dollman; it could be Kalina (ph) -- and saying:

20 Hey, this bill looks good to me.

21 Q So is there anyone -- to the extent there's a hierarchy, is there anyone more 22 senior than you that you would confer with or otherwise get approval from before saying 23 yes to someone like Mr. Dollman or Kalina (ph)?

A No, there's no one that I would go higher to. They'd go -- would go up to probably Susie Wiles.

1		And Ms. Wiles works for MAGA PAC?
2	Mr. <u>Car</u>	nnon. I mean, she's she I don't know exactly what her employment
3	situation is.	
4		And I'll note for the sorry, I'll note for the record that
5	Mr. Aguilar has	s joined the Webex.
6	Mr. Car	nnon, feel free to continue your answer.
7	Mr. <u>Car</u>	nnon. So I was saying I think that ultimately I don't know whether the
8	former Preside	ent approves expenses, whether Susie Wiles approves expenses, or whether
9	it's some comb	pination of the two.
10		BY
11	Q So	o an expense comes and do all expenses typically come to you first, or is
12	there another	entry point?
13	A N	o, no, no, no. Only things that relate to legal.
14	Q O	kay. So a legal expense comes from you; you may do some due diligence
15	to see it's right	on your end. You then send that you then give an approval for
16	payment to so	meone like Mr. Dollman or Kalina (ph), and then they, for lack of a better
17	term, go up th	e chain to get additional approval separate from you?
18	A TI	hat's my understanding.
19	Q A	nd who do you understand to be up the chain from Mr. Dollman?
20	A W	/ell, I thought I just answered that.
21	Q Is	it just is it Susie Wiles and then President Trump?
22	A I-	I mean, I think it's again, I don't know what happens after Sean. I
23	believe that th	ere's a report that gets sent to Susie. I don't know what the approval
24	process is after	r me saying: Hey, this legal expense looks good. This bill, this law firm's
25	bill looks good	

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Mr. Cannon, do you know the relationship between Mr. Dollman and 2 Q Ms. Wiles, whether she's above him, whether -- how that process works? 3 А Yeah. I think she's -- she's effectively everyone's supervisor. 4 And when you say "everyone," understanding that you don't know 5 Q Okay. 6 exactly who her employer may be or who actually pays her salary, when you say she's 7 supervising everyone, is it your understanding that she's supervising everyone at MAGA 8 PAC? 9 А I mean, everyone at MAGA -- I don't know how to -- I don't -- it's not 10 like -- this isn't like corporate America, you know. I know that that's -- it would be so 11 much more satisfying if it was, but it's -- you know, it's a -- it's a leadership PAC, and 12 people provide certain services to this PAC, provide certain services to other PACs, 13 provide services -- I just don't --Q But if you can explain, like, when you say it's not 14 No, that's very helpful. 15 like corporate America, in what sense? In the sense that, well, they don't all have one

16 employer? They could be doing the job -- like, can you unpack that for me because it's
17 helpful --

A There's people -- there's people that volunteer their time. There's people that are 1099 consultants. There's people that are W-2 employees. People move around a lot, you know.

21 Q So, if I'm understanding you, I'm oversimplifying it when I say, quote, they're 22 working for MAGA because that makes it sound like one entity is employing all of them, 23 but it could be that they're collectively doing work for MAGA and paid by all -- by 24 different organizations or structured differently and possibly not even be employees. Is 25 that a fair re-characterization? 1 A Yeah, I think -- I mean, for some -- some people might be employees. Some 2 people might have their own consulting businesses. I don't know whether -- what 3 they're charging what clients, what they're doing.

4 Q So is it more accurate for me to say the work that they're doing for MAGA 5 PAC that Ms. Wiles is reviewing in some capacity?

A Yeah. I mean -- go ahead.

Mr. <u>Benson.</u> Pardon me, pardon me. I mean, I think you're asking Mr. Cannon
for speculation. I don't know what the point of that is.

9 I'm asking Mr. Cannon to clarify because he clearly has expertise in 10 this area, and in our attempts to be clear -- and what I don't want to do is to accidentally 11 misstate something, to Mr. Cannon's point, if my experience in corporate America is 12 making it so that I'm not asking the question properly.

His explanation and clarification is very helpful. He provided, based on his
knowledge and expertise, a very helpful explanation that then prevents me from
miswording the question. So that was incredibly helpful. I didn't see it as speculation.
My understanding was, it was an explanation based on knowledge and expertise.

Mr. <u>Benson.</u> That is fine. You know, whatever you think is helpful is fine, but, you know, it's calling -- asking him to speculate who approves what, where, when probably doesn't make a lot of sense. And I just want to remind you that --

20No, I'm just asking for his understanding of the process.21Mr. Benson. -- I want to remind you that we have a hard stop at 3 o'clock, so.22Yes, sir. I just want to -- we wanted his understanding of the

23 process, and I think he's provided that.

Mr. <u>Benson.</u> Great.

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1	Q	All right. Mr. Cannon, let's move forward to the formation of MAGA PAC in
2	February of	2021. Were you involved in that process, the formation or conversion of
3	Trump cam	paign to MAGA PAC?
4	А	I would've been aware of it, yeah.
5	Q	And who handled it? Who was, you know if you were aware, who was
6	the person	who was actually handling the actual nitty-gritty of that work? Was that
7	outside cou	nsel?
8	А	I don't know how nitty-gritty it is. I think it's just filing a form with the FEC.
9	That would	ve been probably Red Curve.
10	Q	And when the Trump campaign converted to MAGA PAC, were you aware of
11	the amount	of money the Trump campaign had on hand, cash, from its post-election
12	fundraising	?
13	А	No, I don't believe so.
14	Q	Is it fair to say the Trump campaign did have millions of dollars on hand?
15	А	I don't know. Whatever it would be, would be in an FEC report.
16	Q	Now, prior to prior to the administration the conversion to MAGA PAC,
17	who on the	campaign team was responsible for let me rephrase that.
18	Wha	at involvement, if any, did you have in disclosures made to the FEC about what
19	an expense	was? So, when you look at FEC reports, it indicates, here's what an expense
20	is. What i	nvolvement did you have, and if you weren't involved, who did you
21	understand	to be involved from the campaign side?
22	А	No, I wasn't reviewing FEC reports or filling in FEC descriptions. Are you
23	asking abou	It the descriptions in the reports?
24	Q	Yes, sir.
25	А	Yeah. The descriptions would've been probably done based on GL codes

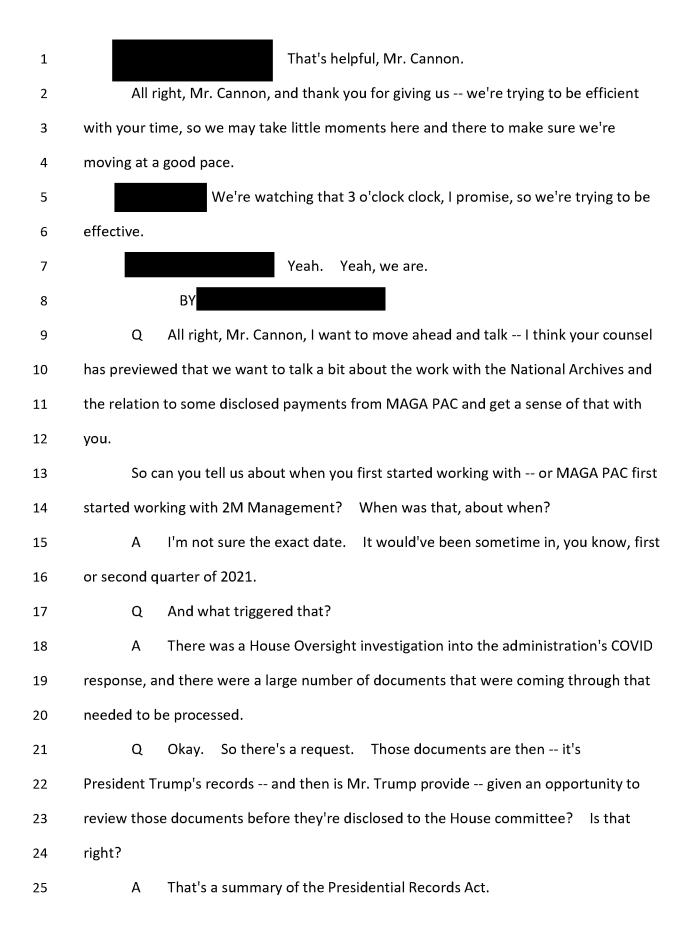
1	that kick something out into a report. That would've been reviewed by, you know,	
2	probably internally at Red Curve, and it would've been reviewed by Jones Day.	
3	Q And when you say "GL code," what is a GL code?	
4	A A general ledger code.	
5	Q Can you give us a little bit of detail how that works?	
6	A No, I can't tell you how it works. I just know that there's a whole bunch of	
7	codes that go in for certain types of expenditures, right, whether it's a legal expense or	
8	whether it's, you know, an administrative expense, a supply expense.	
9	Q So an expense comes in and when someone's putting it for the purposes of	
10	an FEC disclosure, this is when they use this GL code?	
11	A No. I think when it's getting processed for payment, there's a GL code	
12	used. Again, I think this is something that Mr. Dollman probably could speak better to	
13	than me.	
14	Q Okay. And is there someone are you aware of anyone, besides kind of	
15	the accounts receivable folks or the kind of number crunchers, would you expect that	
16	someone on the campaign who would have substantive knowledge of the expense would	
17	be included in the process? Meaning, they would weigh in as to whether or not that GL	
18	code was accurate?	
19	A Whether the GL code is accurate, no.	
20	Q Or the use of it. Let me simplify. So what I'm trying to understand is that	:
21	an expense comes in, the campaign pays for something, \$80,000. That then ends up on	I
22	a FEC disclosure form listed a certain way, right?	
23	So someone at Red Curve, they don't work for the campaign, they can't say that	
24	expense is, in fact, this thing to be disclosed. I'm trying to get an insight from you, to th	e

extent you have it, from an expense coming in, what's your awareness as to how that

1 ends up on an FEC disclosure as a certain item?

2 А I don't know the answer to that. I mean, I assume Red Curve gets the invoices and they take a look at it. I mean, the treasurer has -- you know, is the ultimate 3 party that has responsibility for the FEC report. So I assume there's a pretty significant 4 amount of diligence that takes place. This is how these people make their living. 5 They're professionals. 6 BY 7 Q When you're saying "treasurer," we're talking about Red Curve? I just want 8 9 to be clear that we're not misunderstanding when you say "treasurer." When I say "treasurer," I'm talking about Bradley Crate --10 А 11 Q Okav. -- who is listed on the Form 1s. А 12 13 Q Thank you. Okay. Because I continuously forget Mr. Dollman's title, and I thought he was treasurer of DJTFP at one point. So I just want to make sure we're 14 15 talking about the proper treasurer. А 16 Okay. So just to put a fine point on it, Mr. Crate would've been 17 the person responsible in doing the due diligence to ensure an FEC disclosure is true and 18 19 accurate? 20 Mr. <u>Cannon.</u> I mean, what do you mean by true and accurate, like what --21 Mr. Benson. Alex, if you know. Him or someone on his team. 22 Mr. Cannon. BY 23 And is it -- to the extent that you know, because what we're trying to figure 24 Q 25 out, presumably there's some interaction between the people who know what these

1	expenses are, because Mr. Crate is a separate entity. But are there people from Red
2	Curve who sit with the committee and have a substantive knowledge, or does the
3	committee give that information to Red Curve, if you know?
4	A During the campaign, the entire treasury team were Red Curve folks, I think,
5	maybe with the exception of Sean Dollman.
6	Q Okay. So they sit in the sauce, so to speak
7	A Yes.
8	Q seeing what the expenses are, and then they provide these GL codes.
9	And I think earlier you said something along the lines of, at some point there might be
10	Jones Day interaction with the Red Curve folks? Did I
11	A Yeah, there would've been if there was ever a question about how
12	something was categorized, there would've been conversations with Jones Day.
13	Q Would Red Curve have those conversations, or would somebody from the
14	campaign or the committee have those conversations?
15	A I don't know.
16	Q Okay.
17	A It depends.
18	Q Okay. Could it be both?
19	A Yeah, it could be both.
20	Q Okay. And so those conversations would happen, and then it's your
21	understanding that as treasurer, Red Curve would enter that information in the FEC
22	filings. That's their job as the treasurer?
23	A It creates a report. The reports are reviewed by outside counsel. They
24	get filed with the commission.
25	Q Okay. Got it.



1	Q	Yeah.
2		As long as we got
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4	Q	Okay. And can you briefly explain what it is that 2M Management does for
5	MAGA PAC	?
6	А	They're an e-discovery vendor.
7	Q	So they do effectively they review a first level review of documents for
8	privilege ar	d other related matters, something of the sort, and they process the
9	documents	?
10	А	Yeah. So you get, you know, 30,000 emails that need to be turned around
11	in 15 days,	and they'll take a first cut through that.
12	Q	And after, the second cut, then that's when after the second cut, you or
13	Mr. Clark m	ay come in, Justin Clark, and review those documents then?
14	А	Correct.
15		ВҮ
16	Q	A moment ago you said the House Oversight into COVID Response, was that
17	the Select (Committee on COVID, or was it a different committee?
18	А	Sorry. It was Select Committee on COVID. I apologize.
19	Q	No. It's okay. I just wanted to clarify
20	А	I'm referring to you guys as the select committee.
21	Q	We're not that select. There's actually multiple select committees as it
22	turns out.	
23	А	Yeah. I'm learning this.
24		ВҮ
25	Q	Yeah. So initially the MAGA PAC, or MAGA PAC/Elections LLC engaged 2M

1 to handle the response to the COVID Committee's request though, right?

2 A Yes, sir.

Q Okay. At that initial time, so let's go, I believe your retained -- the retainer to 2M is dated April 14th of 2021. Public disclosure stating the first payment is -- it's March 30th of 2021. So, around the March/April time, does that sound right, that's when this process -- around when this process was up and going with 2M?

A Yeah, I believe so.

Q And you also produced a variety of documents related to conversations with Melra (ph) that had to both do with the Select Committee on January 6th and with the COVID Committee. It appears, on reviewing these documents and other information we received, that for the first, at least through the summer if not late summer, the work that 2M was doing with regard to the National Archives records, all have to do with the COVID Gommittee's request. Is that correct?

14 A Yeah, with respect to Archives. I don't remember when the first -- when 15 the first request came in from January 6th, but, yes.

Q I believe -- I believe the first request was actually not the January 6th Committee but a variety of House committees. But based on your production, I believe the first notice of a production for January 6th was around August 30th -- was on August 30th is what I note for the first production being ready. Does that sound consistent with your memory?

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A Probably, yes.

22 Q Okay. Now, for the approval process regarding payments to 2M 23 Management, were you in charge of that?

A I mean, the invoices would've been sent to either me or Justin Clark.
Sometimes they were sent to Sean Dollman.

1	Q And when an invoice came in from 2M Management, what would you do
2	with those?
3	A l'd review it.
4	Q And, if you approved it, what happened next?
5	A I'd say it's approved for payment.
6	Q And who would you tell that to?
7	A Someone on the treasury team. It would've either been Mr whoever
8	sent me the invoice. It could've been any number of people. It was usually either
9	Mr. Dollman or a young lady named Kalina (ph), and I'm blanking on her last name.
10	Q And does Kalina (ph) work for Red Curve?
11	A I believe so, but I'm not certain.
12	Q And, after that process, you approved it, did you have an understanding as
13	to what happened next?
14	A No. I mean, it got paid.
15	Q Okay. Was there anyone else besides you that would have to approve it
16	before it got paid?
17	A Yeah, I think I mean, that's what I'm saying. I think it there was like
18	a I think that there's approval level above Sean. I'm just not sure what it looks like.
19	Q Okay.
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21	Q And, just to be clear to that point, without going into the details and any
22	kind of work product, your review of it is because you are Elections LLC is the counsel,
23	and you're reviewing it for substantive? Did they do the work? Like, is it consistent
24	with what we directed them to do? It's a substantive review of what they're billing you
25	for, correct? It's not approval for it to be paid; it's a confirmation that that was, in fact,

1 the work performed, and from our perspective, they did that?

2 А Yeah, that's correct.

3 Q Okay. The question of whether it gets approved to be paid or whether there's any negotiation, anything beyond that, would be either somebody at MAGA PAC 4 or -- I mean, I don't know that Red Curve does that, but that would be somebody else in 5 6 the process, right?

- 7 А If there's any -- well, I mean, yeah, I'm not aware of any negotiation on 2M 8 bills.
- 9 Q Okay.

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11 Q Okay. Now, Mr. Dollman, we've looked at the -- and I think it's clear what 12 the focus of our inquiry here, what we want to gain an understanding from you. We've 13 looked at the FEC disclosures related to the payment that 2M Document Management, what we are calling 2M, and those FEC disclosures indicate how the -- for the vast 14

15 majority of these expenses indicate a disbursement description of recount research

consulting and are all labeled as recount. 16

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Is that something you were aware of at the time, that they were being labeled as 17 such for FEC purposes? 18

19 А Are you saying that every 2M bill is labeled as recount? I don't think that's 20 the case.

21 Q No, I'm not saying that. I'm saying the vast majority, and the ones that are 22 not labeled recount research consulting are labeled research consulting. And I'm happy 23 to show you a summary if that's helpful.

24 Α If you want to show it to me, I'm happy to take a look at it. I don't know --Q Sure. I'll show you what we've marked as exhibit 5. This is basically an 25

- export of the FEC payments that MAGA PAC has made to 2M Management to the present
 day that have been disclosed.
- 3 A Okay.

Q So you can see, it has under "disbursement description," it has -- that's what's been provided to the FEC. And then the FEC documents, as we understand them, allow for an indication when something is recount -- is a recount expense, as we've been discussing earlier with the recount account, and here it indicates for those items that have been labeled recount research consulting or labeled also recount.

9 And then some items, starting in March of this year, do not have a recount label, 10 instead are just labeled as research consulting. So, going back to last year, when these 11 disbursements begin, were you aware that these, at the time they were disclosed, were 12 being labeled as recount research consulting?

13 A I don't know.

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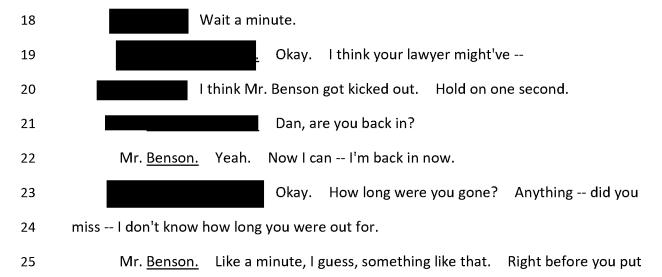
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14 Q As in you don't recall?

A Yeah, I don't recall what my knowledge was at the time.

Q Okay. Prior to me just telling you this, were you aware that the FEC

17 disclosures labeled the payments to 2M as recount?



1 up this document, I think.

All right. So, just to catch you up, Dan, what I pointed			
out so far is that there's a column that says "disbursement description." It says "recount			
research consulting," and I asked Mr. Cannon whether at the time, going back to March of			
last year, whether he was aware that the FEC disclosures listed the payments to 2M as			
recount. And Mr. Cannon said			
Mr. Cannon, you want to tell us again what your answer to that was?			
Mr. <u>Cannon.</u> Yeah, I just don't recall at the time, you know, whether I knew they			
were being it was recount or not recount at that time.			
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Q I just want to draw a distinction. Are you saying you don't recall whether it			
was disclosed as such, or you don't recall whether or not it had anything to do with			
recount? I wanted to see how broad of a response you gave me.			
A All of the above. I mean, I just don't I'm not involved in that level of			
granularity with respect to how things get reported.			
Q Okay. Are you involved with respect to where the funds are coming from			
that pay for 2M services?			
A I mean, again, to the best of my knowledge			
Q And, just to be clear, I'm not asking you whether something is justifiably			
labeled as something or not. I'm just asking, do you have knowledge as to where these			
funds are coming from?			
A At a certain point, probably, but I mean, we would've had broad discussions,			
and I don't recall those discussions, but they would've involved outside counsel.			
Q Now, earlier you we saw that you were aware that the campaign had a			
recount account that you referenced with Ms. Mitchell, and you reference it in other			

1	documents. Are the funds that are being paid to 2M here, did any of those funds come		
2	from that account?		
3	A If it's labeled recount, I would assume so, but I mean, I'm not tracking		
4	dollars.		
5	Q And, when you say you assume so, is that because you assume that it's		
6	being		
7	A lassume the accuracy of the report.		
8	Mr. <u>Benson.</u> Pardon me, Alex. Do you have personal knowledge of that of		
9	this?		
10	Mr. <u>Cannon.</u> Of the report?		
11	Mr. <u>Benson.</u> Of the question of the answer to the question.		
12	Did they just freeze?		
13	Mr. <u>Cannon.</u> No, I'm here. I don't know if Dan froze.		
14	Mr. <u>Benson.</u> I'm here. Can you hear me?		
15	Mr. <u>Cannon.</u> Sitting here right now, I do not know exactly the discussions that		
16	took place on how 2M's bills would be allocated. But I'm that's it.		
17	BY		
18	Q Sorry, sir. Can you repeat that again? So sitting here today, you're not		
19	aware of what?		
20	A I'm not aware of any specific bill or I'm aware that discussions took place.		
21	I can't get to any level of granularity with you on, like, specific bills and specific you		
22	know, what was allocated to what. I just have to assume that what you guys put up,		
23	which is something that you all created based on an FEC report, is accurate.		
24	Q Well		
25	I'm sorry. When you say you're aware that discussions took place,		

1 can you unpack that? What do you mean you're aware that discussions took place?

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3 Mr. <u>Cannon</u>. As I said from the beginning, every expenditure that was made out of the recount fund was consistent with advice that we received from outside counsel, 4 5 and that outside counsel was Jones Day.

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Q Okay. Oh. All right. So you're saying, based on reviewing what we put in front of you that said "recount:", based on your understanding of how every 8 9 expenditure from the recount fund would go, there would have been some discussion 10 between Red Curve -- or, excuse me, I don't want to put words in your 11 mouth -- somebody at MAGA PAC and outside counsel? Is that fair? 12 А Not for every line item. Q No, no. I'm --13 Every time you get legal advice from somebody, you don't go back and ask 14 А 15 for it again, right? You get advice and you follow the advice. Okay. So -- and that's what we're trying to unpack. 16 Q So what you said a moment ago, "aware of discussions," it's based on your 17 18 understanding that for recount expenses there's at least one discussion had as to 19 whether, we'll say, a certain type of expense could be qualified as that. And so your 20 understanding is there would've been discussions with Jones Day outside counsel at least 21 one or more times about those expenses because it says "recount"? 22 А Correct. 23 Q Okay. 24 And if I'm understanding you, you're not in those discussions; you just understand

the process enough to know, if it says "recount," at some point there would've been a 25

1 discussion between Jones Day and somebody at MAGA PAC.

2 I mean, I'm not going -- again, I'm not going to get into the substance, but I А 3 think you're putting words in my mouth by saying I was not involved in any of those

conversations. 4

5 Q Oh, no, no. Sorry. That was the impression I got when you said you had 6 an awareness. If you were involved in those conversations, correct me. I just got the 7 impression you weren't. I'm not trying to put words in your mouth.

Were you involved in those conversations? 8

9 Α Yes.

10 Q Okay. So your awareness of those conversations comes from being 11 involved in the conversations with people at MAGA PAC and Jones Day about what could be used for recount expenses. 12

13 А Correct.

Q Okay. 14

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And, Mr. Cannon, when we see disbursements being labeled as "recount" in 16 Q FEC disclosures, it's your understanding that that indicates that that would've been paid 17 from what we've been calling the recount account. Is that fair? 18 19

А I believe in the accuracy of the reporting.

20 Q And so, based on that belief, is what I said then accurate, that, based on your

21 belief, that these disclosures are indicating that the payments came from what we've

been calling the recount account? 22

23 А If that document you put in front of me -- it's not an FEC report. That's a 24 summary you guys had put.

Yeah. It's --25

- 1 Mr. <u>Cannon.</u> You're asking me to verify one of your documents that you've 2 created.

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Q Well, it's just the export Excel from FEC. You know how you export --

A Okay. I mean, I don't know that. It's not our report, right?

Q No, no --

A You're not showing me portions of the report.

Q Right. No, I'm telling you that just so you feel more comfortable about what we're showing you, that it's just the export function of the FEC website. It's just, it comes in an Excel, and we made it into something that was understandable, because the columns are kind of ugly. So it's just something that's easier for your eyeballs to see, but it's an export of FEC data, effectively.

A Okay. Yeah. If that's all correct and it shows that it's recount, then, yes, it
would be my understanding that it'd be paid out of recount.

Q Mr. Cannon, if you'd feel more comfortable, it's a little trickier and it's not as pretty, but we can pull up the FEC website and use that. I mean, I don't want you to have any concerns about that. It's just easier on the eyes in the format that we put it into, an Excel spreadsheet.

But I don't want you to have any concerns about where that data is coming from or its accuracy. So if you -- I'm cognizant of the time, but I also want you to be comfortable with what we're showing you. So if you'd like us to do that, we are happy to do that.

A Well, no, I think I've answered the question. If it's labeled on the report as "recount," it's my understanding it would've been paid out of recount.

25 Q Okay.

1 And just to be clear -- because I think you've made this clear -- because it said 2 "recount," not on every single expense, but you would've consulted with Jones Day about

- 3 whether it could be qualified as such?
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- A There were conversations with Jones Day.
- Q Okay.
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Q Now, Mr. Cannon, we also talked -- you provided a variety of invoices related to work from 2M Management, and I just want to briefly go over some of those items and just get a sense of -- without getting into privileged conversations with counsel, but just so we can get a sense of what you meant by some of the labels on some of these

11 redactions.

So, starting with -- there are a variety of retainers that you produced paying an
initial fee -- initial amount. The first payment, according to FEC disclosures, is for
\$650,000. But then there are what appear to be \$100,000-a-month retainers being paid
to 2M Management. Is that correct?

A That's correct.

Q And when we look at those payments going in March and then May and going through the summer, those payments would've been in regards to responding to the COVID committee's request to NARA. Is that right?

A I don't know what other work they were doing now. I mean, 2M does a lot
of work.

22 Q 2M does a lot of work for MAGA PAC you're saying?

A Yeah. I mean, we have civil litigations that are ongoing, one of which relates to the Coomer case, right, which is a defamation case that a Dominion employee brought. There are technology fees. There's research projects that they undertake. I mean, you know, all these questions are -- you're going down a path where
 you're really starting to call for privilege here on a whole host of issues.

I did my best to provide you guys with information that you needed to do the
math exercise that I understand you wanted to without waving privilege that's not mine
to wave.

And that's very helpful. And we definitely want to -- I mean, we may not necessarily agree where the parameters of the privilege are, but to the extent that you feel that they're somewhere, like, we definitely, you know, want to have that discussion. It's obviously not our intention to go into privileged material. We may not agree on where the privilege line is, but we certainly want to approach it with caution and have that discussion if that comes up.

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13 Q Now, Mr. Cannon, it's our understanding from our investigation thus far 14 that, while 2M did other work, the vast majority of work that MAGA PAC has been billed 15 for through the summer is related to the COVID committee's request.

16 Do you have any reason to think that that's not accurate?

17 A I just don't know exactly everything they were doing at that point. I mean, 18 we may have brought them on to do some research as well into some of the stuff that 19 happened on January 6th.

20 Q When you say you may have, is that something that you're recalling? Or --

- 21 A Yeah, recalling -- I'm --
- 22 Q -- when you say "recalling" --
- 23 A I'm recalling that.

24 Q Okay. So you're saying in the summer there was work that 2M was

25 brought on to research regarding what happened on the 6th?

1	A Yeah, I mean, after the COVID stuff.			
2	Q Now, when you say "after," when that was complete, or I just want to get			
3	a sense of just timing.			
4	A I don't know.			
5	These guys are really, really good. These guys are really good. They do a lot of			
6	work for us. It falls into different categories. We do our best to categorize it			
7	appropriately.			
8	That's it.			
9	Q Okay.			
10	Now, starting in November of 2021 you provided an invoice that's labeled			
11	"November 18, 2021," that has a redaction, "COVID NARA." And then, from then on, we			
12	then have a variety of different it looks like the items start being broken out. Like you			
13	just said, you were doing your best to break them out.			
14	Is it fair to say that initially MAGA PAC was paying just a pure retainer but then			
15	later on attempted to break out the work by invoice?			
16	A Yeah, I think as they started to take on more work, we started to ask them to			
17	create additional sub-matters.			
18	Q Okay. And so when we see redacted "COVID NARA," for example, did that			
19	relate to a request from the COVID committee for documents from the National			
20	Archives?			
21	A Yes.			
22	Q And when we see "civil litigation/other," does that refer to, like, the			
23	Dominion case you just talked about, other litigation that the campaign might be involved			
24	in that may be something else but it's just pure civil litigation, not related to NARA?			
25	A Correct.			

1	Q	And when we see "J6 NARA" listed in some, is that request from the	
2	subcommittee on January 6th to NARA for documents and their work related to		
3	processing those documents?		
4	А	Correct.	
5	Q	And when we see "J6 other," what does that relate to?	
6	А	So they may be processing documents and have relationships with people	
7	who are represented by counsel that came in and produced documents to you guys or		
8	to your committee.		
9	Q	So, for example, if our committee asked a Trump	
10	campaign employee former employee for documents, MAGA PAC may have paid their		
11	expenses of processing those documents in order to be produced to the Select		
12	Committee on January 6th?		
13	А	They may have paid for those expenses, yeah.	
14	Q	Okay. And when those expenses were approved let's call them the	
15	third-party	witnesses were you involved with approving those expenses?	
16	А	I mean, I would see the invoices, right? But I have no visibility into what	
17	outside cou	insel was doing with 2M or counsel for a third party was doing with 2M.	
18	Q	So, if someone from MAGA PAC, for example this is just a	
19	hypothetica	al Mr. Dollman has his documents produced through 2M Management, do	
20	you or anyo	one else at MAGA PAC have ability to see Mr. Dollman's documents or	
21	otherwise involved substantively in that process?		
22	А	No. No, we wouldn't see the documents that would be processed. That	
23	would be	I would never do that.	
24		BY EXAMPLE 1	
25	Q	Real quickly, is there an approval process? If a third party wants to use 2M	

- and have MAGA PAC cover the expense, how would a third-party witness go through that
 process or get approval to be --
- 3 A In the same way that they would get, you know, legal fees paid, right?
 - Q What is that process, to the extent that you know?
- A I mean, you know, it can come in from multiple angles. It could be somebody calls Susie, somebody calls Sean, somebody calls Justin. We ask Susie, is this something that, you know, we're willing to help this person out? There's a process. A lot of that process is privileged too, right?
- 9 Q Well, actually, usually, the information on who's paying attorney fees isn't 10 privileged --
- 11 A No, but the process and how we make a determination on whether or not an 12 individual is going to have their -- gets an assistance is privileged.
- Q And, to be clear, I'm not asking about your internal deliberations as to how
 you decide whether to do that. I was asking in terms of the general process.
- 15 Sounds like you say somebody reaches out to, I think you identified Susie,
- 16 Justin -- I don't remember who the other person was -- Sean?
- A It may be me; it may be Sean. I mean, somebody says: Hey, I got contacted by the committee. You know, they want documents. They want me to testify. Do you guys have -- is there any money -- I have counsel. Can you guys help pay my legal bills?
- 21 Q Okay.

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And presumably some people may want help with attorney's fees and e-discovery, and some people may have counsel and just want e-discovery, and that's just -- do they decide that? Do you decide that?

25 A We have a vendor that is doing a ton of work. And if they want to use the

vendor, it's fine that they use the vendor. That's it. I mean, that's what it comes down
 to.

- 3 Q Okay.
- And then, without getting into the deliberations, there is a process that they can
 go through to request whether MAGA PAC will cover the expenses of that vendor?

A Yeah. If it's a -- if it's -- I mean, yeah. I mean, again, like I said, we have a vendor. We already have a vendor. It's incredibly expensive to stand one up. They have done e-discovery work in connection with your committee --

9 Q Okay.

10 A -- for other individuals who were represented by counsel.

11 Q And without going into -- you know, again, we just want to make sure that 12 when you say redact- -- the classifications that we just went over, those are -- actually, I 13 think we're going to talk about -- let me retract that.

Go back onto your -- I want to be cognizant of the time and I don't want to get us off track, so --

Mr. Cannon, if you could give us just 2 minutes. 16 Mr. <u>Cannon</u>. All right. I'm going to run to the restroom. 17 Let's take just a couple-minute break. 18 19 Mr. Cannon. Okay. 20 Thank you, sir. 21 [Recess.] 22 Mr. Cannon, are you ready to go? 23 Mr. Cannon. Yeah. I want to just clarify one thing just so that we're clear. 2M was only doing COVID work when they started. That was what we initially 24 25 hired them for. But we were doing and asking them to do quite a bit of research, you

1 know, into the events that occurred on January 6th, as well, and get an understanding of 2 what was out there and what was in the public. And, you know, that's all work product; that's all privileged. But they were doing 3 quite a bit of research for us as well, which is why the retainer, frankly, says it's research. 4 ΒY 5 So, I guess, question: Who would've given them that instruction? 6 Q 7 Α I mean, it would've come from, you know, me. Q You alone, or could it have come from Mr. Clark? 8 9 А Yeah, I mean, you know, we worked together. 10 Q Okay. And, to be clear, when you say "it would've come from me," do you 11 remember giving that instruction? А I mean, I remember talking to them about doing research, yes. 12 13 Q And would you have had that conversation with Matt Clarke, or would you have had that conversation with anyone else at 2M? 14 А 15 It would've been -- Matt's the person I talk to at 2M, unless there's, like, a technical issue that I don't understand. 16 Okay. So your instructions regarding what 2M should've been doing from 17 Q the beginning would've been from you directly to Matt Clarke? 18 19 А I mean, or Justin Clark. Yeah. I mean, we had conversations about the 20 scope of their engagement. 21 Q Okay. 22 And you kind of opened this door, so I don't want to go too far in, and I'm trying to 23 keep it to where you've opened it. But would you have emailed those instructions to him or would you have had verbal conversations about what the scope of their research 24 25 should've been?

1 А It would've been all verbal conversations. Q 2 Okay. BY 3 And when you say "research," what does that mean? Open-source Q 4 research? 5 6 А Correct. 7 Q So, effectively, like, just searching online what was happening with the 6th? А I mean, I'm not going to get into the details of what they were researching, 8 9 but it would have involved online research, yes. 10 Q Well, I guess what I'm -- your suggestion seemed to be that 2M -- that it's labeled "research consulting" because they were doing research. 11 But 2M is an e-discovery company, correct? 12 13 А That is -- that is one of the services that they perform, yes. Q That is the service that they're -- that is the core of what Matt Clarke 14 15 provides to clients, is it not? А No, I can't speak to all of his other clients, but that is a lot of the work they 16 do for us. They also do some research for us. 17 And the vast majority of the work they do for you is related to their 18 Q 19 e-discovery tools, correct? 20 А That's the vast majority of my interactions with them. 21 Q Yeah. Is there anyone else --22 А I don't know what they're doing behind the scenes. I mean, you guys 23 are -- like, you're really asking a lot of questions about, like, how we're looking at what happened on January 6th, and it's -- we're not trying -- I'm not trying to pull the wool over 24 25 anybody's eyes. I'm trying to be as helpful as I can here.

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No, we understand that. We're trying to understand certain things, and we're trying to -- we're trying to understand certain things, but we're also trying to kind of, like, reconcile things that may or may not be consistent or inconsistent. And, to your point earlier, sometimes we think we understand it and somebody says, "Well, this process is different," or somebody says, "Well, you have the wrong person; you should really ask this."

So I understand what you're saying. You introduced, a moment ago, the
explanation that you asked them to do research, which is quite different than what we
had earlier understood you to be saying, which was that they're an e-discovery company
that reviews documents and is, I would say, reactive to requests, not necessarily proactive
in doing research.

12 And so what you just said was somewhat of a shift, and so we're trying to 13 understand the information that you just provided versus what it sounded like you were 14 saying earlier.

15 Mr. <u>Cannon.</u> No, I think I provided that information prior to the break as well. I 16 did say they were doing some research. That's it.

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Q Yeah. I think what is referring to is that you seemed to suggest that the reason the FEC disclosures have "recount" and "research consulting" is because 20 2M was doing research. And the information that we've received is that the reason why 21 2M was paid millions of dollars by MAGA PAC was not because it was doing research; it 22 was because it was doing very important e-discovery work, needed to process a lot of 23 documents.

24 A That is correct.

25 Q Okay. So --

1		А	Both of those things can be true at the same time.	
2		Q	Yeah. But we want to clarify, when you reference "research," any research	
3	would've been a minority, more marginal part of the work that 2M was doing for MAGA			
4	PAC.	ls th	at fair?	
5		А	I can't say on day to day. I don't know.	
6			ВҮ	
7		Q	Given what you just said about the work that you were asking them to do for	
8	research at the beginning, what was your understanding of the part of that that was			
9	recount-related?			
10		А	Because it all had to do with January 6th and the events of January 6th.	
11		Q	And your understanding is that if something has to do with the events of	
12	January 6th it can be qualified as recount?			
13		А	That is not inconsistent with my understanding from outside counsel.	
14	Corre	ct.		
15		Q	Okay	
16			ВҮ	
17		Q	And, just to be clear, is it also your understanding that was it consistent	
18	with y	our u	nderstanding from outside counsel that something that had to do with	
19	respo	nding	to the COVID committee could also be labeled as research I mean, as	
20	recou	nt-rela	ated? Is that also part of that same understanding?	
21		А	I don't recall discussing the COVID committee with outside counsel.	
22		Q	I want to move to just understanding the different folks' role. In these	
23	matte	rs we	ve been discussing with 2M, what was Justin Clark's role in all of this?	
24		А	I mean, he was counsel.	
25		Q	I understand, but with regard to the work with 2M and the approval process,	

1 what was he doing? Was he assisting you in the same kind of capacity of overseeing --2 А Yeah. We're colleagues. We work on everything -- we work on stuff Not everything together. We work on stuff together though. 3 together. BY 4 Would you say that you have the primary responsibility on maintaining the 5 Q relationship with Mr. Clark and 2M? 6 I don't know. I don't know how much he talks to -- how much Justin talks 7 Α to Matt Clarke. I talk to Matt Clarke fairly frequently. I don't know how often Justin 8 9 speaks to him. 10 Q I only asked because, a moment ago when I asked, I was trying to 11 understand from your reaction -- we're just trying to gauge, sometimes people have, like, a contact partner or a contact that they interact with. We were just trying to figure out, 12

are you the relationship partner for 2M or do you both talk to him equally. We're just

14 trying to understand who's the more frequent contact with 2M.

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It's probably me.

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17 Q And Mr. Clark has been involved from, is it fair to say, the conversion of 18 MAGA PAC to the present day with -- he's still involved with MAGA PAC; is that right?

19 A I mean, through elections.

20 Q Okay.

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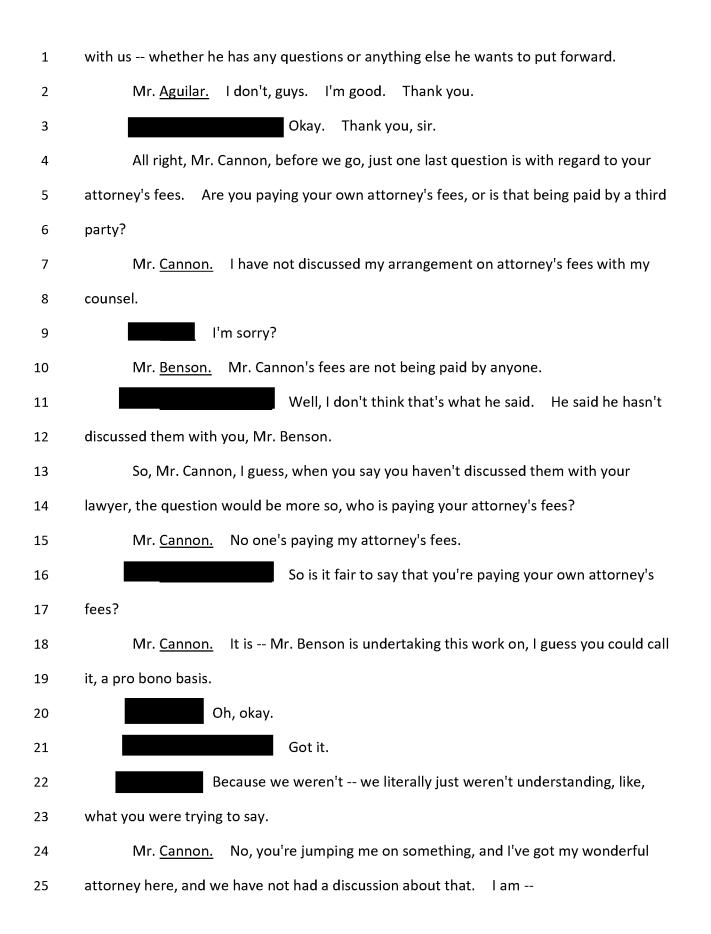
21 What about Mr. Dollman? Is he still doing work with MAGA PAC?

A I don't know Mr. Dollman -- I mean, I think he's at Red Curve. I'm not sure what his employment relationship is right now.

24 Q Did Mr. Kushner have any involvement, as far as you're aware, with the 25 approval of expenses or expenditures from MAGA PAC?

1 А Probably during the -- well, from MAGA PAC? So post-conversion? Q Yeah. 2 3 А No, I don't believe so. Any other members of the Trump family that you're aware of having any 4 Q involvement post-conversion with MAGA PAC and its expenditures? 5 6 А No, not to my knowledge. 7 Q Just quickly, Mr. Cannon, some of the documents you provided, they're just -- you provided an extensive amount of documents, but there are some documents 8 9 that seem to be missing, and I just want to get a sense from you whether there was a 10 reason why they're missing or whether it was by chance. 11 For example, there are letters that President Trump drafted to NARA regarding 12 the January 6th Committee's productions, whether objections, things of that nature, but I 13 don't believe we have any letters related to the COVID committee. Are you aware of President Trump drafting any letters to them? 14 No. I mean, this is all -- no. Those letters were sent by Mr. Clark. They А 15 don't require -- right now, the COVID committee is not requiring a formal assertion of 16 executive privilege under the PRA. The letter from counsel is sufficient for them. 17 Q Okay. That's helpful. 18 19 А And, I mean, it really is going to the Archivist, right? And then the Archivist 20 consults with the Biden administration, and that's how a determination is made. 21 Q Yeah. If you could just give us a moment, Mr. Cannon. We're trying to be efficient here 22 23 and see what else we have for you. 24 Α That's okay.

25 Q Mr. Cannon, we're nearing the end. I just want to give Mr. Aguilar, who's



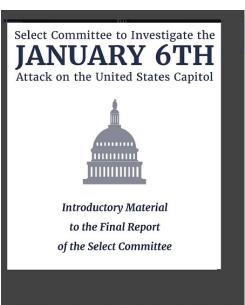
1 Does he know he's doing it pro bono, or is it pro bono now? 2 That's the issue, right? And I'm absolutely serious about that. Mr. Cannon. Like -- that's all. 3 Okay. 4 Mr. Cannon. We have not had that --5 6 No, I know. I've been at that dinner where you think they're paying, 7 but then it's unclear, and then it's like the check hasn't come yet. So I totally get it. totally get it. 8 9 Mr. Benson. Alex will have to take me out to dinner. Let's put it that way. 10 Mr. Cannon. Okay. And, to be clear, we ask this -- well, we try to remember to ask this of 11 12 all -- this is not a specific -- we ask this of all witnesses. It's not privileged information, 13 who's paying your attorney's fees. So I don't want you to feel, you know, that this is something special to you. We try to ask everyone. So we just didn't ask you last time, 14 15 and we noticed that after the fact, so that's why we were following up this time. So we would just ask that, to the extent that that changes and the answer is that 16 Mr. Benson is no longer doing this pro bono, we do not want to have -- if the information 17 subsequently changes and we don't have another interview with you, we would just ask if 18 19 you would voluntarily correct that. Because if for some reason it's a fact in the 20 investigation that later for some reason becomes different, we would like you to have the 21 opportunity to correct that if it changes, if that makes sense. Mr. Cannon. No, I understand the request. 22 Okay. 23 All right, Mr. Cannon, we are done early, so we've got 24 25 21 minutes.

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1	Any questions that you have for no.				
2	You know, if you want to hang out, we're happy to stay on				
3	with you, Mr. Cannon, if you want to spend some time with us.				
4	Now that we know Dan's free, we'll keep you				
5	Yeah. We'll				
6	Mr. <u>Benson.</u> You guys can come to the dinner with me and Alex.				
7	Mr. <u>Cannon.</u> We'll do it in Atlanta, You can visit your family. It'll be fun.				
8	All right. I mean, if Dan's paying, I'm calling bones.				
9	Mr. Cannon, thank you for taking out the time again. We				
10	know these are not great ways to spend one's afternoon, getting questioned, so we				
11	appreciate you for taking out the time.				
12	If at any time you want to correct anything or you remember something or you				
13	think that for any reason we should know something, please don't hesitate to reach out.				
14	We want to make sure we get this correct. So, please, if at any time you want us to				
15	know something, please reach out to Dan, and he can let us know.				
16	Otherwise, we will go off the record here.				
17	Thank you both.				
18	Thank you to our court reporters as well.				
19	Mr. <u>Cannon.</u> Thank you.				
20	Mr. <u>Benson.</u> Thank you.				
21	Thank you both. Have a great day.				
22	[Whereupon, at 2:40 p.m., the interview was concluded.]				

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