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joint with the
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
and the
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

INTERVIEW OF: KEVIN MORRIS

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Present: Representatives Comer, Smith of Missouri, Jordan, Bishop of North Carolina, Biggs, Van Dyne, Spartz, Raskin, Crockett, and Goldman,

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2 Mr. [REDACTED] Good morning, everyone.

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4 This is a transcribed interview of Kevin Morris. Chairmen Comer, Jordan, and
5 Smith have requested this interview as part of the committees' investigation into the
6 Biden family's influence peddling and other business activity, as well as the impeachment
7 inquiry.

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Would the witness please state your name for the record?

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Mr. Morris. Kevin Morris.

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10 Mr. [REDACTED] On behalf of the Committees on Oversight and Accountability,
11 Judiciary, and Ways and Means, I want to thank you, Mr. Morris, for appearing here
12 today.

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My name is [REDACTED] and I am general counsel for the Committee on
Oversight and Accountability.

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I will now ask everyone else on the majority and minority committee staff to
introduce themselves as well. If we could just -- I know there's a lot of us here, but if we
could just try and go around the table.

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Mr. [REDACTED] My name is [REDACTED] I'm a staffer on the House Judiciary
Committee with Mr. Jordan.

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Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with the Ways and Means Committee.

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Mr. Jordan. Jim Jordan, Ohio 4.

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Mr. Biggs. Andy Biggs, Arizona 5.

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Ms. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with Chairman Jordan's staff.

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Ms. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with the Ways and Means Committee.

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Ms. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with Ranking Member Nadler, Judiciary.

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Ms. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with Ranking Member Nadler's staff on Judiciary.

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2 Means Committee.

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4 Committee.

5 Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with Mr. Raskin's staff on the Oversight
6 Committee.

7 Ms. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] also with Mr. Raskin's staff.

8 Ms. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with Mr. Raskin's staff on Oversight.

9 Ms. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with Mr. Raskin's staff on Oversight.

10 Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Oversight majority.

11 Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Chairman Jordan.

12 Ms. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Oversight.

13 Ms. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Chairman Jordan's staff.

14 Ms. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with Chairman Jordan's staff.

15 Ms. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with Chairman Jordan's staff.

16 Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with Ranking Member Nadler's staff.

17 Ms. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with Ways and Means minority.

18 Ms. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Ways and Means minority.

19 Ms. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Oversight majority.

20 Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Chairman Comer's staff.

21 Mr. [REDACTED] Thank you.

22 I'd like to go over a few ground rules and guidelines that we will follow during the
23 interview that have been previously discussed with your attorney.

24 First, our questioning today will occur in rounds. The majority will ask questions
25 for up to one hour, and then the minority will have the opportunity to ask questions for

1 the following hour. The rounds will continue until there are no more questions.

2 As part of the interview today, we have made accommodations at your attorney's
3 request, which included scoping of the topics and providing documents in advance of the
4 interview.

5 Typically, we take a short break at the end of each hour, but if you would like to
6 take a break apart from that, please just let us know.

7 As you can see, there's an official reporter taking down everything we say to make
8 a written record, so we ask that you give verbal responses to all of our questions.

9 Mr. Morris, do you understand everything so far?

10 Mr. Morris. Yes.

11 Mr. [REDACTED] To ensure the court reporter can make a clear record, we will do
12 our best to limit the number of people directing questions at you during any given hour to
13 just those people on the staff whose turn it is.

14 It's also important that we don't talk over one another or interrupt each other if
15 we can help it. And that goes for everybody present at today's interview.

16 We encourage witnesses who appear before the committee to further consult
17 with counsel if they so choose.

18 It's my understanding that you are accompanied by counsel here today.

19 Could you your counsel please state your name for the record?

20 Mr. Sullivan. Bryan Sullivan.

21 Mr. Liner. Stuart Liner.

22 Mr. [REDACTED] Thank you.

23 Mr. Morris, we want you to answer our questions in the most complete and
24 truthful manner possible, so we will take our time during this interview.

25 If you have any questions, or if you do not understand one of our questions,

1 please just let us know. We can repeat it or clarify it.

2 If you honestly don't know the answer to a question or do not remember, it is best
3 not to guess. Please give us your best recollection, and it's okay to tell us if you learned
4 information from a different person or a different source. Just indicate how you came
5 to learn about that information.

6 If there are things you don't know or you can't remember, just say so, and please
7 inform us who, to the best of your knowledge, might be able to provide a more complete
8 answer or response to the question.

9 You should also understand that by law you are required to answer questions
10 from Congress truthfully. Do you understand this?

11 Mr. Morris. Yes.

12 Mr. [REDACTED] This also applies to questions posed by congressional staff during
13 an interview. Do you understand that?

14 Mr. Morris. Yes.

15 Mr. [REDACTED] Witnesses who knowingly provide false testimony could be
16 subject to criminal prosecution for perjury or making false statements. Do you
17 understand that?

18 Mr. Morris. Yes, sir.

19 Mr. [REDACTED] Furthermore, you cannot tell half-truths or exclude information
20 necessary to make the statements accurate. You are required to provide all information
21 that would make your response truthful. A deliberate failure to disclose information
22 could constitute a false statement. Do you understand that?

23 Mr. Morris. Yes.

24 Mr. [REDACTED] Is there any reason you are unable to provide truthful answers to
25 our questions here today?

1 Mr. Morris. No.

2 Mr. [REDACTED] Additionally, if you choose to confer with your attorneys in a
3 sidebar, or if there are any interruptions or interjections from your attorney or the
4 minority, the majority's time will be paused for the duration of those interruptions.
5 That's the one-hour round that I was discussing earlier.

6 That's the end of my preamble. Is there anything that the minority would like to
7 add?

8 And then I'll give you the opportunity if you would like to add something before
9 we begin as well.

10 Mr. [REDACTED] I just wanted to raise, once again, the issue of the videotaping, I
11 know that there's been voluntary transcribed interviews being videotaped by the
12 majority.

13 In the colloquy at the last transcribed interview, the majority agreed to ensure
14 that the minority had equal access to discuss how that meant not only viewing the
15 videotape, but having the ability, if the majority releases a portion of the whole thing, for
16 the minority to also release -- have access to those videos to release.

17 To this date, I do note that the majority has offered to allow minority staff to
18 come view the video. However, I think it puts us in a difficult situation where, should
19 the majority decide at any point to release the whole or part of the video, we do not
20 currently have equal access, the ability to release those videos, which is an issue at this
21 point for ensuring the minority's right to equal access to these committee records.

22 And so I wanted to ask my counterparts on the majority staff how they intend to
23 make sure that the minority has equal access to those tapes, which includes the ability to
24 release part of those videotapes if the majority is also releasing part of those videotapes.

25 Mr. [REDACTED] Thanks, [REDACTED]

1 You know, we discussed this at the last TI. The video is being made available to
2 both sides by a professional videographer. And to the extent we are going to release
3 any parts of the video, we told you we would let you know, and then you can also have
4 access to the parts that you want to release.

5 Mr. [REDACTED] And just to --

6 Mr. [REDACTED] And we haven't released any video yet.

7 Mr. [REDACTED] And that's totally fair. I just want to make sure we're planning
8 ahead.

9 Mr. [REDACTED] Right.

10 Mr. [REDACTED] It took the majority a little while to get the video processed and
11 ready. And dealing with video takes time.

12 And so I would just like to note for the record, for the minority to have a
13 meaningful opportunity to release these videos, it would be important that we have
14 access to the videos at least one week before the majority is releasing them so that we
15 can, you know, do the work that is involved in examining those videos and preparing
16 them for release, et cetera.

17 Mr. [REDACTED] Okay. We can continue talking. I don't know what the right
18 temporal, you know, what the right amount of time is. But certainly it'll be enough that
19 works for both sides.

20 Mr. [REDACTED] Okay. So we have an agreement in principal that, you know,
21 you're going to give us time ahead of a release so that we have time to prepare those
22 videos ourselves so that both the majority and minority are in an equal position to release
23 the videos?

24 Mr. [REDACTED] Yeah, that's what we're talking about.

25 Mr. [REDACTED] Thank you.

1 Mr. [REDACTED] And for the record, we've got a Member walk in. I'll let the
2 Representative introduce herself for the record.

3 Mrs. Spartz. Victoria Spartz, 5th Indiana.

4 Mr. [REDACTED] Thank you.

5 Now, Mr. Morris, I see that you have prepared remarks that you're completely --

6 Mr. Sullivan. We do have -- Mr. Morris does have a statement. But I want to
7 raise something that just came up.

8 Last week -- I was informed last week that selected portions of George Berges'
9 testimony were leaked to the press, and I don't want that to happen to my client.

10 What assurances do we have that no selected portions are going to be released of
11 his transcript?

12 Mr. [REDACTED] So, you know, if we were proceeding under the deposition rule,
13 there's protections for that type of thing.

14 As these transcribed interviews unfold, we have witnessed the situation where the
15 minority puts out pieces of it, of the testimony. We have had situations where the
16 minority sent the entire transcript to The Washington Post.

17 And so as it comes to a transcribed interview, that's one of the provisions that is,
18 you know, if one side puts something out, the other side will be able to counter it. But
19 there's no specific rules governing the contents of the TI transcript.

20 Mr. Sullivan. So can we agree that if selected portions of Mr. Morris' transcript
21 are released, the whole transcript will be released publicly as well?

22 Mr. [REDACTED] I mean, we can talk about that. It's a little hard to do that here as
23 we commence with the interview. But we want to make sure that it's fair for both sides
24 and fair for the witness.

25 Mr. Sullivan. That's the key thing. Because it's unfair, if he has no control over

1 it, we're only allowed to review it, and then selected portions of it that could be taken out
2 of context are released to the press. I'm just looking for it to be a fair situation.

3 Mr. [REDACTED] Right. And if somebody gives it to The Washington Post then, you
4 know, we can revise our position about making you come in to review. I mean, if
5 someone has provided it to The Washington Post, then our position on providing it to you
6 changes.

7 Mr. Sullivan. And what if it's just portions, would that also change?

8 Mr. [REDACTED] So we'll just have to talk about it. But we want to make sure that
9 it's fair for both sides, the minority and the majority, and the witness. I'm happy to have
10 an open conversation about that.

11 Mr. Sullivan. Okay. Mr. Morris does have a statement. I have a copy to
12 submit for the record, if you want that. Who do I give it to?

13 Mr. Morris. We can give it to you later on.

14 Mr. Sullivan. Okay. He just made a few changes. So can we submit it to you
15 afterwards?

16 Mr. [REDACTED] Yeah. But to the extent you're going to give it to a reporter, we
17 would ask that you give it to us.

18 Mr. Sullivan. I will give it to you first before I give it to anybody --

19 Mr. [REDACTED] It may not shock you, it may not shock you, but sometimes
20 witnesses come with a prepared statement, and as they deliver it, they have someone out
21 in the hallway hand it to a bunch of reporters. And so -- and the reporters start
22 tweeting about it. So if you're going to do that, it's legal, okay, but you just have to give
23 it to us.

24 Mr. Sullivan. We'll send a copy to you. I can email it as soon as we make the
25 changes he just made to the document.

1 Mr. [REDACTED] Okay. Fair enough.

2 Mr. [REDACTED] And for the record, again, I believe we just had some new,
3 additional Members walk in since our last introductions, as well as staff. If those
4 individuals could just introduce themselves for the record,

5 Ms. Crockett. Representative Jasmine Crockett, Texas 30.

6 Ms. Van Duyne. Representative Beth Van Duyne, Texas 24.

7 Chairman Comer. James Comer, Kentucky 1.

8 Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Oversight Committee majority.

9 Mr. [REDACTED] Thank you. I believe that covers everyone.
10 And now, Mr. Morris, please feel free to proceed.

11 We just have one more Member.

12 If you would you like to introduce yourself, please.

13 Mr. Bishop. Dan Bishop, North Carolina.

14 Mr. [REDACTED] Thank you, sir.

15 Please proceed.

16 Mr. Morris. Good morning. Good morning, counsel.

17 Mr. [REDACTED] Good morning.

18 Mr. Morris. I am voluntarily appearing here today to respond to any questions
19 you have about my relationship with Hunter Biden.

20 Hunter is my client and one of my closest friends.

21 I was first introduced to Hunter at a campaign event for then-Vice President Biden
22 in the winter of 2019. A week later, I was asked to help him with some potential legal
23 issues in the entertainment industry.

24 A week after the fundraiser, I went to Hunter's house in Los Angeles. We spoke
25 for four or five hours about legal issues and other problems he was facing at the time.

1 When I first met Hunter, he was emerging from the lowest point in his life. He's
2 had a lot of low points. At this time he had no income and his wife Melissa was
3 5 months pregnant.

4 Although he was being harassed by paparazzi, as well as people coming onto his
5 property and threatening him, he had no security protection.

6 In general, I was concerned that Hunter did not have the level of support he
7 needed. I stepped in to assist.

8 I have worked hard to create a life that has allowed me to help my family and
9 friends when they have needed it, and I did so with Hunter.

10 In addition to legal advice and friendship, over the course of the past four years I
11 have loaned Hunter money to help him through his difficulties. When needed, at all
12 times, we each have had our separate attorneys advise us on these transactions.

13 With respect to the loans, I am confident that Hunter will repay. I did not and do
14 not have any expectations of receiving anything from Hunter's father or the Biden
15 administration in exchange from helping Hunter, nor have I asked for anything from
16 President Biden or his administration. My only goal was and is to help my friend and
17 client.

18 A final word. This is America, and in this country there is no prohibition against
19 helping a friend in need, despite the incapacity of some to imagine such a thing.

20 Thank you.

21 Mr. [REDACTED] Thank you, sir.

22 According to my watch, it is now 10:15. The majority's time will begin for one
23 hour.

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EXAMINATION

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BY MR. [REDACTED]

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Q Mr. Morris, can you give us an overview of your professional and educational

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background? I know you've had quite a career, but if you could give us kind of the

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highlights of your background and your career.

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A Okay. I went to Penncrest High School in Media, Pennsylvania. I went to

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Cornell University and got out there -- got out of there by the skin of my teeth in 1985. I

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went directly to NYU Law School. And I spent a term at the London School of Economics

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while I was at Cornell.

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After bouncing around at the beginning of my career, I moved to Los Angeles.

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And after bouncing around a little, I pursued my dream of practicing entertainment law.

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And I went out on my own -- I couldn't get a job, so I went out on my own.

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And from there, I grew. That firm still exists today. But I retired. I

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semi-retired two and a half years ago. The firm started with just myself. And by the

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time I left the firm in 2021, we had 25 lawyers and 50 employees, and we had done well.

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Q What was the name of the law firm that you created?

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A A lot of different names. No, it was the Law Office of Kevin Morris. Then

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it was -- well, the name for most of the time has been Morris Yorn Levine and Barnes.

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Q And is Kevin Yorn, is that Mr. Yorn?

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A Yes.

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Q And how long were you partners with Mr. Yorn and Mr. Levine?

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A Mr. Yorn, 25 years. Mr. Levine, probably 15.

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Q And are you still working for that law firm now?

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A No.

1 Q What would you say your job is now? Or what are you currently doing for a
2 living?

3 A Well, I continue to practice under my sole practitioner business, Kevin
4 Morris, PC. And then when I retired I had -- I did a -- I had two -- I formed two
5 businesses. One was a production company called Media Courthouse Documentary
6 Production -- Media Courthouse Documentary Collective.

7 And then I also -- in Pennsylvania, where I am from, I started a business with my
8 brothers to do sort of private equity for small businesses, real estate locally. And we put
9 a big priority on charitable contributions.

10 Q I now want to turn to when you first met Hunter Biden. I know you
11 touched upon it in your statement that you just read, but if we could delve into that a
12 little bit more.

13 Can you give us a timeframe of when you first met Hunter Biden?

14 A I think it was the end of November 2019.

15 Q Where did this occur?

16 A At a house in Brentwood.

17 Q What was going on at the house at that time that you met him?

18 A It was a fundraiser for then-Vice President Biden.

19 Q At this fundraiser, did people have to pay to be there?

20 A Yes. Well, I don't know if they had to, but there was a contribution.

21 Q Did you contribute?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And the contributions, they were going to Joe Biden for President?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Can you recall who else was at the fundraiser?

- 1 A Not really. You know, my partner and the host.
- 2 Q Who was the host?
- 3 A The host was Lanette Phillips, is the name.
- 4 Q And who is Lanette Phillips?
- 5 A I believe she is in the music -- she is a music manager, and maybe she
6 manages some artists. But I did not know Lanette well at all at the time.
- 7 Q Who invited you to the fundraiser?
- 8 A Lanette, through my accountant who she was friends with.
- 9 Q And, approximately, can you say how many people were at this fundraiser?
10 Was it small? Was it big? Ten, 15 people, 50, a hundred people?
- 11 A It was your basic Brentwood fundraiser, about 50.
- 12 Q How long did you stay at the fundraiser?
- 13 A We left after President Biden spoke.
- 14 Q What did he speak about?
- 15 A His vision for the country and why he was running.
- 16 Q At the fundraiser, did you have an opportunity to speak with then-candidate
17 Biden?
- 18 A I was in the photo line at the end of it. And when it was my turn I said, "Hi,
19 Joe." And somebody in the background said, "Mr. Vice President." And then Joe said,
20 "Call me Joe." That was it.
- 21 Q Who introduced you to Hunter Biden?
- 22 A I believe it was Lanette, on my way out.
- 23 Q Can you describe that interaction and what she said?
- 24 A "Hunter, Kevin." I was meeting a couple of people at the same time.
- 25 Q Was there any more to that conversation at that time?

1 A No.

2 Q So the first time you met Hunter Biden, it was at this fundraiser for Joe
3 Biden. And as you're leaving, it's just a, "Hello, nice to meet you," just greeting when
4 you first meet Hunter Biden?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And that's -- just for the timeline purposes -- that's in the winter of 2019.
7 You believe it's November of 2019, around that timeframe?

8 A Yes, sir.

9 Q What triggered the events that led you to then speaking with Hunter Biden
10 again?

11 A Lanette called my -- called her friend, my accountant, and asked if I would go
12 see Hunter. And I think I talked to her then. She said he's got some entertainment-ish
13 issues and would I go talk to him.

14 Q Was this by phone call you said?

15 A I think so.

16 Q Did Lanette Phillips on that phone call bring up anything else other than just
17 Hunter Biden's entertainment issues?

18 A No. I mean, it was pretty obvious he was in other issues, he had other
19 issues going on.

20 Q What happened after she asked if you'd talk with him? Did you get his
21 phone number? Or how did that proceed from there?

22 A No, she set it up. A few days later I -- a few days later I went to his house
23 and met him.

24 Q Without giving his address, but just generally the vicinity, what city was his
25 house at, at that point?

1 A It was in Los Angeles.

2 Q And I'm assuming at that time you're not paying for any of his expenses,
3 correct?

4 A No.

5 Q How much time passed between the campaign event where you initially met
6 him in November of 2019 and then when you had this phone call where Lanette Phillips
7 reaches out to you and says, "Hey, can we -- can you talk with Hunter Biden?"

8 A A week.

9 Q Did there a come a time when you reached out to Hunter Biden -- or, excuse
10 me, when you had this phone call with Hunter Biden that Lanette Phillips set up, when
11 was that?

12 Mr. Sullivan. Mr. [REDACTED] I think that kind of misstates it, because he didn't
13 testify about a call to Hunter Biden. He said she set up a meeting.

14 Mr. [REDACTED] That's fine.

15 BY MR. [REDACTED]

16 Q So when did this meeting occur between you and Hunter Biden?

17 A A couple days after the phone call.

18 Q Was Lanette Phillips at that meeting?

19 A Not that I recall.

20 Q And can you tell us about what happened during that meeting?

21 Mr. Sullivan. As we discussed on the phone, Mr. [REDACTED] I just want to be
22 clear, because Mr. Morris is Hunter Biden's attorney and he immediately started to
23 represent him. That was a meeting to discuss representation.

24 So any information you would have about the subject matter of that meeting
25 would be arising from his attorney-client relationship, and he cannot answer those

1 questions about the specifics.

2 Mr. Biggs. Can I ask a question while you're -- as you're dealing with that?

3 Mr. [REDACTED] Go ahead.

4 Mr. Biggs. Mr. Morris, and I don't want to misquote you, I'm just trying to write
5 down what you said. But when you talked with Ms. Phillips, you said that she said he
6 had some entertainment-ish issues, is the way you put it.

7 Mr. Morris. Uh-huh.

8 Mr. Biggs. So you were going to get together perhaps with him to talk about
9 entertainment issues.

10 You said -- and I think I got this right -- it's pretty obvious he had other issues.

11 Why was that obvious? And what were the issues you perceived at that point?

12 Mr. Morris. It was in the press.

13 Mr. Biggs. Okay.

14 Mr. Morris. What was in the press at the time. But there was no specific -- or I
15 don't have any.

16 Mr. Biggs. So this is coming from some outside, nothing from the conversation
17 necessarily?

18 Mr. Morris. No, no.

19 Mr. Biggs. Okay. That's what I wanted to find out. Thank you.

20 Mr. Morris. Thanks.

21 Mr. [REDACTED] And I just want to put some guardrails around your
22 representation so we all have a full understanding here.

23 Because my understanding is Lanette Phillips calls him to say that there's
24 entertainment legal issues at hand. I'm not going to ask a question about any of Hunter
25 Biden's entertainment legal matters.

1 So if they had discussions about loans --

2 Mr. Sullivan. Right.

3 Mr. [REDACTED] -- if they are represented by separate attorneys, according to his
4 own statement, how could that be privileged information?

5 Mr. Sullivan. If you ask specifics about -- if you ask specific questions, I can
6 evaluate whether it falls within that.

7 But at that meeting, Mr. Morris began representing Mr. Biden on all legal matters
8 and trying to help him with all different legal matters.

9 But if you want to ask a specific question on the topics that we've agreed to sit
10 here for that don't fall within that, I will allow him to answer those questions.

11 But the question was very broad and implicated the attorney-client privilege and
12 attorney-client communications. So perhaps establishing a time period when loans
13 were made and --

14 Mr. [REDACTED] Well, I would like to know, during that meeting, what was
15 discussed about the loans?

16 Mr. Morris. I think I can clarify this, counsel.

17 Mr. Sullivan. That I will allow him to answer.

18 Mr. Morris. I went out -- when I first got there, I wanted to look at his art. I'm
19 an art collector and at that time I knew it was important to him. After we met, we spent
20 a while looking through his stuff. I was impressed.

21 And then I shortly -- I met Melissa and saw that she was, you know, pretty
22 pregnant. She made us some tea or whatever. And then Hunter and I just began a
23 very long talk. And I just said, "Tell me what's going on." And then we spoke for
24 five hours.

25 And, you know, I began representing him at that moment. And, you know, my

1 understanding of the rules of professional responsibility and so forth is that's how you do
2 it. That's how you can do it.

3 Mr. [REDACTED] Did you during those discussions discuss Hunter Biden's debts,
4 including -- or any type of the loans that you would end up paying later on for him?

5 Mr. Sullivan. Can we split that question up because --

6 Mr. [REDACTED] Sure.

7 Mr. Sullivan. -- talking about debts would fall under an attorney-client
8 communication. Talking about any loans Kevin would have made to him would be a
9 fairer question?

10 BY MR. [REDACTED]

11 Q I don't concede that, but I'll start with the latter and say, did you discuss any
12 of the loans that you would eventually pay for Hunter Biden during that meeting?

13 A No.

14 Q And I just want to get into your practice as a lawyer.

15 How many notices of appearances have you filed in Federal or State court in the
16 past three years for clients?

17 A Thank God, none.

18 Q How many depositions have you represented clients in any capacity in the
19 past three years or so?

20 A In the past three years?

21 Q Yeah.

22 A None.

23 Q Have you appeared in any courts on behalf of Hunter Biden or any other
24 clients in the past three years?

25 A No, I don't do that, Mr. [REDACTED]

1 Q It's fair to say you're not a tax lawyer either, correct?

2 A Fair.

3 Q You've never represented a client in Federal criminal law before? Would
4 you agree with me?

5 A I don't know if that's true. I was litigator for a while after I got out of law
6 school. I did a lot things.

7 Q But in the past three to five years, you never represented a Federal criminal
8 defendant?

9 A No.

10 Q And you're not a divorce lawyer either? Is that correct?

11 A That's correct.

12 Q And you're not an expert on State court proceedings in Arkansas regarding
13 alimony. Would that be correct?

14 A What do you mean by "expert"?

15 Q Well, you're not an attorney. You couldn't go into Arkansas court and
16 represent him because you're not --

17 A I am an attorney.

18 Q Not in Arkansas you're not.

19 A I'm not admitted in Arkansas. It doesn't mean I don't know, I'm not familiar
20 with the proceedings of courts in Arkansas.

21 Q So what specific matters do you represent Hunter Biden in then? If you
22 don't do any of those things, which many of them Hunter Biden is now going through
23 legally, what is it that you represent him in?

24 And the reason this is important is because you're sitting here in front of Members
25 saying you can't answer a question because of privilege issues.

1 So I think it's fair for us to fully understand, what are the contours of your
2 representation of Hunter Biden?

3 A Counsel, in my job I represent high-profile individuals.
4 Profile -- profile -- high-profile individuals have basically virtual corporations. And in
5 those virtual corporations, they have all kinds of staff and assistants. You know, agents
6 and managers, you know, publicists. You know, whatever.

7 And what I do is I oversee -- I oversee sort of the squad. Sort of like a general
8 counsel. But I am involved in everything. I am involved in everything.

9 And the same is with Hunter. If you check my retainer agreements, you'll see
10 that it's not -- it says all matters. And that's it.

11 Q Are you able to tell us when the retainer agreement was executed with
12 Hunter Biden?

13 A Later in 2020. I don't know. Actually, I don't know. I don't remember.

14 Q But there is a retainer agreement in place between you and Hunter Biden?

15 A There was two. And a conflict waiver.

16 Q Has Hunter Biden --

17 A I have one thing.

18 Q Yes, sir.

19 A In connection with my representation of people, we often hire lawyers for
20 different matters. It's my job to oversee that. And I'm involved in each piece. They
21 sort of report -- they report to me.

22 Q Has Hunter Biden paid for your legal services?

23 Mr. Sullivan. Now, Mr. -- sorry -- Mr. [REDACTED] the payment of fees and how
24 much and in what way is attorney-client privilege.

25 Mr. Jordan. Does Abbe Lowell report to you?

1 Mr. Sullivan. Mr. Jordan, again, any information Mr. Morris would have --

2 Mr. Jordan. No, he just said -- he said he hires lawyers and they report to him.

3 And I'm just asking if that lawyer specifically reports to Kevin.

4 Mr. Morris. But, Mr. Jordan, I said it with respect to my other clients in the past.

5 With respect to this issue, Abbe does not report to me.

6 Mr. Jordan. Okay.

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BY MR. [REDACTED]

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Q You represented to everyone here that you are Mr. Biden's attorney, you became his attorney on day one, I believe, of your meeting for all matters. And I'm sure you're aware that there are ethics rules in place on lawyers if they are to give loans out to their clients, correct?

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A Correct.

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Q So I'd like to get into the loans themselves.

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It's been reported, publicly referenced in court filings, and testified to that you've

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loaned millions of dollars to Hunter Biden.

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Is it true that you have loaned millions of dollars to Hunter Biden?

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A It's true.

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Q Are you able here today to tell us how much money you have loaned Hunter

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Biden?

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A I am not sure the exact amount. We, you know, we total up the amount

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periodically and update the notes.

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Q Are you aware of the most recent updated amount that you have

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periodically updated?

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A No. I, you know, I don't remember, you know.

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Q So we sent you a letter. The committee sent you a letter. In the letter we

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discussed that we're going to talk about loans. I sent your counsel a letter saying one of

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the topics that we're going to discuss today is going to be the loans.

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You're the attorney for Hunter Biden who has represented him since day one.

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And I just want to be clear, sitting here, you did not prepare as his attorney to know the

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total amount of loans that you've given Hunter Biden when that was going to be the

1 subject of this interview?

2 A No, not to the number.

3 Q Well, then, let's go through them.

4 If we could please go to exhibit 1.

5 Mr. Sullivan. Is he going to give it or do I --

6 Mr. [REDACTED] He is going to give it to you. He's going to pass it around to
7 everyone.

8 [Morris Exhibit No. 1
9 was marked for identification.]

10 BY MR. [REDACTED]

11 Q I direct everyone's attention, once you get it, to paragraph 17, which is on
12 page 6. For the record, this is the United States District Court for the Central District of
13 California indictment, dated December 7th of 2023. Again, for everyone in the
14 audience, paragraph 17, page 6. Page 6, paragraph 17.

15 Mr. Morris, after you've had an opportunity to read paragraph 17, please let me
16 know and I will begin.

17 A I'm good.

18 Q Just for the record, Chairman Smith just walked in the room.

19 We're going to read it into the record.

20 "Subsection vi. Financial Support From Personal Friend."

21 Paragraph 17: "From January through October 15, 2020, an entertainment
22 lawyer (hereafter 'Personal Friend') provided the Defendant with substantial financial
23 support including approximately \$200,000 to rent a lavish house on a canal in Venice,
24 California; \$11,000 in payments for his Porsche; and other individual items. In total, the
25 Defendant had Personal Friend pay over \$1.2 million to third parties for the Defendant's

1 benefit from January through October of 2020" -- excuse me, "October 15 of 2020."

2 To begin, are you the personal friend referenced here?

3 A Counsel, you know, I don't -- it doesn't name me. I don't suppose to know
4 what the prosecutors are saying here.

5 Q No, but are you the person who's named here? Did you give these loans to
6 Hunter Biden?

7 A Again, counsel, I don't have the numbers in front of me. I told you, I loaned
8 Hunter Biden money. And again, you know, there's not -- my name is not in here. And
9 it's an important document. It's a Federal indictment. And I don't want to say
10 anything about it.

11 Q This indictment, it doesn't say Hunter Biden's lawyer, does it? It refers to
12 you as a personal friend.

13 Mr. Sullivan. Mr. [REDACTED] you --

14 Mr. [REDACTED] I'm asking what does the indictment say.

15 The Reporter. One at a time.

16 Mr. Sullivan. Sorry.

17 You had assumed that -- you made an assumption when you said it refers to you,
18 Mr. Morris, as a personal friend.

19 And Mr. Morris hasn't said it, that it refers to him. He said he's not willing to say
20 that cause he didn't write the indictment.

21 Mr. Morris. I'm confused.

22 Mr. Sullivan. You're asking him to make an assumption.

23 Mr. Morris. Sorry.

24 I'm confused. It says an entertainment lawyer.

25 BY MR. [REDACTED]

1 Q Referred to as personal friend, correct?

2 A No, I mean --

3 Q But you're an entertainment lawyer, right?

4 A Sure.

5 Q And you're a personal friend?

6 A Sure.

7 Q Of Hunter Biden?

8 A Sure.

9 Q And you're the one who provided payments or loans to Hunter Biden to pay
10 for a house on a canal in Venice, California. Is that correct?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And you've also provided loans to Hunter Biden in order to pay for a
13 Porsche. Is that correct?

14 A Not exactly. The Porsche was upside down. And, you know, he was
15 trying to get rid of it, and he was behind. So it was upside down. He couldn't give it
16 back until he paid 11,000.

17 Q Well, you don't dispute that between January of 2020 and October 15th of
18 2020 that you gave Hunter Biden loans that totaled over a million dollars, do you?

19 A Again, I don't have the exact numbers, but I don't dispute that.

20 Q So just so we have the timeline, you meet Hunter Biden at a Joe Biden
21 campaign event in November of 2019, approximately, and then loans start going out to
22 Hunter Biden in January of 2020. Is that correct?

23 A I believe so.

24 Q So within approximately 6 weeks, 2 months of meeting Hunter Biden,
25 through Lanette Phillips, you start giving loans out to Hunter Biden. Is that right?

1 A I started lending Hunter Biden money. That was almost always direct
2 payments to third-party vendors. And, yeah, it was within -- it was within a month.

3 Q These loans at this point, did you have an agreement in writing as to how the
4 loans would be repaid as of January of 2020?

5 A As of that date, no. We documented the -- we documented the retainer
6 agreement, whatever you're saying. But I was acting as a lawyer, sure.

7 Q Okay. That's not my question.

8 There's different agreements in place. You have a retainer agreement, which I'm
9 not asking about. You have a loan agreement which you said in your opening statement
10 that was agreed upon between your attorney, a separate attorney, and Hunter Biden's
11 separate counsel. That's what you said in your opening statement. So I'm asking
12 about now the loan agreement.

13 A Okay.

14 Q The repayment.

15 A All right.

16 Q Was that loan agreement, that in place in January of 2020 when you first
17 began giving loans out to Hunter Biden?

18 A No, we documented it a little later.

19 Q When you say "a little later," what's a little later?

20 A I don't remember, counsel.

21 Q A year later? Six months later?

22 A It might have been.

23 Mr. Sullivan. And, Mr. [REDACTED] are you referring to the written agreement?

24 Mr. [REDACTED] Yes, a written loan agreement.

25 Mr. Sullivan. Okay.

1 Mr. [REDACTED] So, again, just to clarify, because your attorney asked, but I want
2 you to answer the question again. It's your testimony that in January of 2020, when you
3 first began giving loans to Hunter Biden, there was no written loan agreement in place at
4 that time, correct?

5 Mr. Morris. Correct.

6 Mr. [REDACTED] And now I'd like to go to --

7 Mr. Biggs. Before you get to that --

8 Mr. [REDACTED] Go ahead.

9 Mr. Biggs. -- I want to ask a few questions for the panel. These are not meant
10 to be adversarial. I'm just trying to understand them.

11 So these, I assume, were unsecured loans. Is that correct?

12 Mr. Morris. That's correct.

13 Mr. Biggs. And you executed a promissory note at some point after the transfers
14 or the payments were made.

15 Mr. Morris. There have been a bunch of promissory notes.

16 Mr. Biggs. A series of promissory notes.

17 Mr. Morris. Yeah.

18 Mr. Biggs. Are they subject to a unified loan agreement, or did you do a separate
19 loan agreement?

20 Mr. Morris. I don't think so.

21 Mr. Biggs. Okay. And then I just also want to make sure, were these
22 no-interest loans that you're talking about in this particular paragraph?

23 Mr. Morris. No. When we did documents or promissory notes, you know, I
24 know what's required of a note, you know. So, yes, we do all of that.

25 Mr. Biggs. So there was interest --

1 Mr. Morris. Yes.

2 Mr. Biggs. -- involved in it.

3 Mr. Morris. Yes.

4 Mr. Biggs. And I just also want to clarify. You did, regardless of whether you
5 accepted that, you mentioned in paragraph 17 here that we have looked at, you did pay
6 for, I think, what, the number was \$200,000 for the place in Venice. Is that accurate?

7 Mr. Morris. I don't know if that's accurate. It was monthly, whatever it was.

8 Mr. Biggs. But you were making those payments for a 10-month period?

9 Mr. Morris. For a while, yeah.

10 Mr. Biggs. Okay. And then the same thing with the Porsche. I understand
11 what you're saying, it was upside down. You paid somebody eleven grand or something
12 for the Porsche to facilitate whatever his issue was.

13 Mr. Morris. It's whatever his balance was -- balance owed was -- at this time.

14 Mr. Biggs. So you caught him up?

15 Mr. Morris. Yeah, squared him up.

16 Mr. Biggs. Okay. And then the 1.2 million that was mentioned in there, and
17 one thing you said a moment ago is that you had paid third-party vendors or whatnot.
18 And I am just curious who those were, if you recall.

19 Mr. Morris. There are lots of them. You know, third-party vendors, I don't
20 mean that as a term of art. But there's a lot of people that were, you know -- my thing is
21 building teams, you know, I know how to build a team. I began building a team. Most
22 of the -- most of the -- you know, almost everything was for the team.

23 Mr. Biggs. And so you were -- so he owed -- I mean, I don't know, I'm just trying
24 to surmise from what you said. He apparently owed money, as we used to say when I
25 was practicing, all over town. So is that what you're suggesting here?

1 Mr. Morris. I don't know. I can't interpret your characterization. He had
2 debts.

3 Mr. Biggs. And you paid -- and you were paying off those debts to multiple
4 partners. Is that fair to say?

5 Mr. Morris. You know, I don't know if there were any other debts other his IRS
6 bill. There was -- yeah, you know, he had a divorce. He had --

7 Mr. Biggs. So I'm not understanding who you were making the payments to.
8 Because you were apparently paying some mortgage company for the Venice house.
9 You paid some car loan entity for the car to catch him up. And you put another \$1.2
10 million out. You suggested just a second ago it may have been for IRS, but he also had a
11 divorce.

12 Who were you actually paying? Who was getting the money from you, the
13 proceeds that you were paying on behalf of Mr. Biden?

14 Mr. Morris. I don't know. I think you have a list. I needed to hire a security
15 company at the beginning because it was dangerous. And he had no -- he had very little
16 support. And, you know. So, you know, where it was necessary, I began lending him
17 the money for payments.

18 Mr. Biggs. So security, divorce, IRS. Any other entities that you paid off for Mr.
19 Biden?

20 Mr. Morris. You know, I think I hired a PR company at a point. I don't know.
21 I'd have to refresh my memory with the list.

22 Mr. Biggs. So there is -- you have a list somewhere, probably.

23 Mr. Morris. Yeah, I think you have it too.

24 Mr. Biggs. Well, I personally don't have it, otherwise I would be asking you
25 specifically can you verify. But I don't have it, and hopefully, I'll get to see it. Then we

1 can -- then we can maybe crosscheck back. But I'll do that.

2 Mr. [REDACTED] And if we can turn to page 16 of exhibit 1, line 9. This may
3 answer a couple of the questions. Let me know when everyone's there.

4 Mr. Bishop. We need the number.

5 Mr. [REDACTED] Yes, sir, page 16, line 9 of exhibit 1.

6 Mr. Morris, let me know when you're there, and I'll read it into the record.

7 Mr. Morris. I'm there.

8 Mr. [REDACTED] "At the same time, the Defendant spent large sums to maintain
9 his lifestyle from January through October 15 of 2020. In that period, he received
10 financial support from Personal Friend totaling approximately \$1.2 million. The financial
11 support included hundreds of thousands of dollars in payments for, among other things,
12 housing, media relations, accountants, lawyers, and his Porsche. For example, the
13 Defendant spent \$17,500 each month, totaling approximately \$200,000 from January
14 through October 15 of 2020, on a lavish house on a canal in Venice Beach, California."

15 I want to go through, Mr. Morris, the different categories that the Department of
16 Justice has identified that you paid on behalf of Hunter Biden.

17 Mr. Sullivan. Mr. [REDACTED] again, I understand you're using this, but he's not
18 conceding that that's who he is. But I understand where you're going. I just wanted to
19 make that for the record.

20 Mr. [REDACTED] And I think we have could have avoided this if Mr. Morris had
21 provided us with all of his payments, or if he came prepared to talk about the different
22 categories. But he didn't. He is claiming that he does not remember how much he
23 paid, he can't remember the categories. And so now we have to kind of go through this
24 in a very meticulous way. And so that's what we'll do.

25 So beginning --

1 Mr. Sullivan. I'm not objecting to you doing that. I'm just objecting to the
2 characterization that the personal friend in this is him, because we don't know who wrote
3 it or what was written. That's my point.

4 Mr. Biggs. You're not suggesting that there's another personal friend who gave
5 the same exact kind of loans to Mr. Biden, are you?

6 Mr. Sullivan. I'm not making any other suggestions like that. I'm just
7 suggesting that I don't want us to assume that whoever wrote this, who we don't know
8 who they were talking about, but he's acknowledged that he's made loans to Hunter
9 Biden. So --

10 Mr. Biggs. Very good.

11 Mr. Morris. Congressman, this is a Federal indictment. My name is not in it.
12 I'm not going to comment on it.

13 Mr. Biggs. Understood.

14 Mr. [REDACTED] Is it accurate that you were paying \$17,500 each month for
15 Hunter Biden's residence in Venice Beach, California?

16 Mr. Morris. I wasn't paying for anything. I was loaning Hunter Biden the
17 money for things.

18 At the time I met him, he was in danger in his house. Paparazzi was there.
19 People were coming up to his door with cameras, saying, "We just want to talk to him."
20 People were yelling from outside of the bushes, "Hunter Biden, come out. Hunter
21 Biden, come out." Melissa's five months pregnant.

22 I got him security. And he needed to move. And so -- and we had to find a
23 place quickly. We had to find a place that had privacy. And we ended up with that
24 house.

25 BY MR. [REDACTED]

1 Q Do you have an expectation that he's going to repay this money?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Do you have any sort of timeframe?

4 A There's a balloon on the note. I think it's 2025.

5 Q Okay.

6 BY MR. [REDACTED]

7 Q This timeframe only goes from January through October 15th of 2020.

8 We're now in 2024. Have you paid for other residences for Hunter Biden other than the
9 one described in the Federal indictment?

10 A Again, I haven't paid for anything. I've loaned him the money.

11 Q And were those -- have you paid through loans for Hunter Biden's rent
12 and/or mortgage -- I don't know the situation -- from 2020 until today?

13 A No.

14 Q When did you stop giving loans for Hunter Biden's residence?

15 A About a year ago.

16 Q So it's fair to say you were paying for Hunter Biden's residence via loans up
17 until approximately of 2023?

18 A Approximately.

19 Q And were the payments for Hunter Biden's residence in the form of loans
20 consistent with this payment for this residence in Venice Beach, California?

21 A I'm sorry, I don't understand that.

22 Q The price, was it around the same price as 17,500? Was it approximately
23 around that same per month for his subsequent residences?

24 A I believe so.

25 Q In addition to --

1 Mr. Sullivan. Sorry, one second.

2 Mr. [REDACTED] No problem.

3 Mr. Sullivan. Okay.

4 Mr. [REDACTED] Do you recall how much you've paid to lawyers via loans on
5 behalf of Hunter Biden from January 2020 to the present day?

6 Mr. Sullivan. Mr. [REDACTED] I know it goes into the loans, but I think the amount
7 that's been paid to attorneys, that information would have come from the attorney-client
8 relationship with Mr. Biden, and consequently he can't answer that.

9 BY MR. [REDACTED]

10 Q So you're saying that a loan agreement that -- he's loaned -- my
11 understanding is he's -- let me get into a little more detail here.

12 You're loaning money to Hunter Biden, correct?

13 A Correct.

14 Q And as part of a loan to Hunter Biden -- if I were to go get a loan, sometimes
15 you have to tell the bank, "Hey, I'm getting this loan for my house. I'm getting this loan
16 for my car."

17 So each time that Hunter Biden gets a loan from you, does he have to come to you
18 and tell you what he's getting that loan for?

19 A Hunter doesn't ask -- Hunter doesn't come to me. He's never asked me for
20 anything. I've done these things voluntarily. I have an idea of what they were, and I
21 keep a record. And the ones that are absolutely necessary I take care of with a loan.

22 Q So do you give him like an allowance? Like you give him like a million
23 dollars a year, and then he just goes and pays off whatever debts he had? Or do you
24 pay the third-party vendor yourself and keep track of that total loan? How does that
25 work out with the payment?

1 A I'm glad you asked this, counsel. I don't give Hunter -- I don't loan Hunter
2 Biden cash or amounts of money. Hunter Biden -- I have loaned for things that are
3 acute. And he has been basically unemployed, without a source of income, for the
4 entire time I've known him. And that was not changed by me giving him cash, or
5 anything like it.

6 Q So have you paid millions of dollars for Hunter Biden's legal fees via loans?

7 Mr. Sullivan. Again, Mr. [REDACTED] that would -- Mr. Morris only knows that
8 from his attorney-client relationship with Mr. Biden and consequently cannot answer that
9 question.

10 Mr. [REDACTED] Are there people outside of Mr. Morris or his legal team who
11 know how much he has paid in legal fees that would break that privilege? In other
12 words, has he disclosed that amounts to any other person or any other entity that would
13 have broken that privilege?

14 If he -- let me give you a privilege rule. If he goes out and tells somebody, a third
15 party, the amount of money that he's paid for Hunter Biden's legal fees who's not part of
16 that legal team --

17 Mr. Sullivan. A control group.

18 Mr. [REDACTED] -- that breaks the privilege, correct?

19 Mr. Sullivan. I would -- yeah. But I don't believe he has except for the firm.

20 Mr. [REDACTED] Do you want to ask your client if he has before -- because I'm
21 going to ask him that. So if you want to ask him that question, if he's ever disclosed the
22 amount of money that he has paid on behalf of Hunter Biden, I think that would be -- do
23 you want to just speak --

24 Mr. Sullivan. Yeah, and --

25 Mr. [REDACTED] To any third party. Because if he talked -- if he -- he's claiming

1 this is a privileged conversation that he has with Hunter Biden.

2 And so my question is, has Mr. Morris ever disclosed to anyone who's not part of
3 their legal team how much money he has paid in legal fees? Then that would break the
4 privilege and this is a moot issue. And so I just -- I don't know the answer, but you can
5 talk with him and --

6 Mr. Sullivan. Yeah. And I'm also going to call Mr. Biden's attorney, other
7 attorney, as well.

8 Mr. [REDACTED] Okay.

9 Mr. Sullivan. So it might be a good time for a break as well.

10 Mr. [REDACTED] Can we get in one question before we do that?

11 Mr. [REDACTED] Before we ask that question, can we just have the record reflect
12 that Mr. Goldman is present?

13 Mr. [REDACTED] Oh, yes. I'm sorry.

14 Mr. [REDACTED] But why don't we try to get to the end of -- why don't we put that on
15 hold --

16 Mr. [REDACTED] That's fine.

17 Mr. [REDACTED] -- and get to the end of the hour and then we can --

18 Mr. [REDACTED] We can pause that question. And when we take our hour
19 break, you can go, and then we'll get back to that.

20 Mr. Sullivan. Okay.

21 Mr. [REDACTED] Chairman Smith.

22 Mr. Smith. Thank you.

23 Mr. Morris, thank you for being here.

24 Could you please describe your business relationship with what was known as
25 Viacom?

1 Mr. Morris. Viacom owns MTV, and MTV owns Comedy Central. And,
2 therefore, they were the other side for me for a long time on a lot of different things.
3 But I certainly don't work for Viacom.

4 Mr. Smith. You've never worked for Viacom?

5 Mr. Morris. No.

6 Mr. Smith. Have you ever spoken to Hunter Biden or Joe Biden or any member
7 of the Biden administration in regards to the Viacom merger?

8 Mr. Sullivan. I'm sorry, Mr. Smith, can we break that up? Because, again, there
9 is a privilege issue between Mr. Morris and Mr. Hunter Biden.

10 Mr. Smith. Well, let's say, have you ever spoken to Joe Biden, any member of
11 the Biden administration, about the merger with Viacom?

12 Mr. Morris. No. No.

13 Mr. Smith. How many times have you been to the White House since Joe Biden
14 has been President?

15 Mr. Morris. Twice.

16 Mr. Smith. Only two times?

17 Mr. Morris. Uh-huh.

18 Mr. Smith. And what were the --

19 Mr. Morris. Well, I was at a picnic last year. I didn't go in the White House, but
20 I was at the Fourth of July picnic.

21 Mr. Smith. So three times?

22 Mr. Morris. Yeah.

23 Mr. Smith. And what were those three visits for?

24 Mr. Morris. One was -- the first one, which I believe is in 2021, Hunter took me
25 to the White House to let me see it and give me a little tour.

1 Mr. Smith. Did you talk to President Biden when you were there?

2 Mr. Morris. At the end of the day we were in the -- we were in the outside area.
3 Hunter's friendly with a lot of people there. And then it was around 5, 6 o'clock, and
4 Hunter went in, said hi. And the President -- the President waved. And I think he said
5 hi. He always makes jokes about my hair. I think he made a crack about my hair.
6 That was it.

7 Mr. Smith. That was your first time. What was your second time?

8 Mr. Morris. The second time was at Naomi's wedding.

9 Mr. Smith. At the White House?

10 Mr. Morris. At the White House.

11 Mr. Smith. Did you talk to President Biden then?

12 Mr. Morris. Just a quick hello.

13 Mr. Smith. Okay.

14 Have you helped out any other individual to the degree that you've helped out
15 Hunter Biden.

16 Mr. Morris. Congressman, I've had clients for 25 years, I've helped them out in a
17 lot of ways. A lot of ways. A lot of clients. A lot of ways.

18 Mr. Smith. Ever to the level of almost \$5 million.

19 Mr. Morris. I've helped my clients to the extent of their needs.

20 Mr. Smith. Has there ever been anyone more than \$5 million?

21 Mr. Morris. Not that I can recall.

22 Mr. Smith. Okay. No other questions.

23 Mr. Biggs. Are we getting close to wrapping up? Because I do want to go back
24 to the privilege question before you --

25 Mr. [REDACTED] Go ahead. Go ahead.

1 Mr. Biggs. I want to understand the assertion of privilege that you're trying to
2 make. And it's -- and so -- and again, I'm not trying to be adversarial.

3 Mr. Morris. I understand.

4 Mr. Biggs. I'm trying to understand your assertion, which I find an interesting
5 assertion.

6 So what we're seeing here, Mr. Morris, you paid ostensibly some attorney's fees
7 that Hunter Biden was accruing because he had a different lawyer representing him on
8 different matters. Is that fair to say?

9 Mr. Morris. You know, counsel, I don't know how you have it. I've made
10 a -- I've made a document production in conjunction with the grand jury investigation. I
11 don't know where you --

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2 [11:01 a.m.]

3 Mr. Biggs. I'm not part of the grand jury. So I'm asking these questions for this
4 interview, for this transcribed interview today.

5 So Hunter Biden has a different attorney for different matters, a series of different
6 matters. Is that fair to say?

7 Mr. Morris. Sure, yeah.

8 Mr. Biggs. Yeah. And you lent to Hunter Biden money to pay those attorneys'
9 fees. Is that fair to assume? That's what it's been characterized today.

10 Mr. Morris. It's a little oversimplified. You know, various attorneys had various
11 fee agreements and stuff. I paid lawyers, sure.

12 Mr. Biggs. On behalf of Hunter Biden?

13 Mr. Morris. Yes.

14 Mr. Biggs. And those would go to that -- the series of notes that you've
15 mentioned earlier?

16 Mr. Morris. Correct.

17 Mr. Biggs. Is that fair to say?

18 Mr. Morris. Correct.

19 Mr. Biggs. Now, you're writing checks to Hunter Biden's attorneys directly,
20 because you've said that that's how you did it. You were paying these third-party
21 vendors or intermediaries directly. Is that fair?

22 Mr. Morris. Yeah.

23 Mr. Biggs. Okay. So really the privilege -- the attorney-client privilege here that
24 you're trying to assert is null because the attorney-client privilege exists between Hunter
25 Biden and his attorney on those other matters.

1 Do you understand that?

2 Mr. Morris. I don't understand that --

3 Mr. Sullivan. I --

4 Mr. Morris. I don't understand that my attorney-client privilege or Hunter's, you
5 know, is distinguished by having other attorneys.

6 Mr. Sullivan. And I --

7 Mr. Biggs. No, no, no. I'm not saying that you're -- because in the matters that
8 you're representing him on legal matters, absolutely you continue with that privilege.
9 But what you're asserting here is that when you're writing checks to another attorney,
10 and he is being represented by that attorney, that's where the privilege exists. And
11 you're saying that you get to dovetail into that privilege.

12 Mr. Morris. Well, I --

13 Mr. Sullivan. Wait, Mr. Chairman. I'm saying that, and it's the amount that is at
14 issue. We've acknowledged he's paid -- he's loaned the money to Hunter for the
15 attorneys' fees, but the exact amount and how it goes -- I know that when I do document
16 productions regardless, I redact the amount that has been paid.

17 Mr. Biggs. But --

18 Mr. Sullivan. And that, I think, is privileged. But, again, as I said, I will go back
19 and we will discuss that, and I will call the other attorney --

20 Mr. Biggs. Okay. Because you understand what I'm saying is that the privilege
21 actually exists between you -- Hunter Biden's attorney, Mr. Biden's attorney, on that
22 matter.

23 Mr. Sullivan. But --

24 Mr. Biggs. It doesn't -- and I would assert to you that the privilege does not exist
25 between what Mr. Morris paid because he's the third party now.

1 Mr. Sullivan. But he's also the attorney for Hunter Biden and knows about it
2 because of that.

3 Mr. Morris. I can clarify --

4 Mr. Biggs. No. The reason he knows about it is because he paid it, not as an
5 attorney, but as a friend, because that is the testimony we've heard today repeatedly.

6 Mr. Morris. Congressman Biggs, I didn't pay for anything. I loaned Hunter
7 Biden money, number one.

8 Mr. Biggs. You wrote the check.

9 Mr. Morris. Number two, I think what we're getting into is a debate over the
10 definition of privilege. And, you know, you and I can debate that all day long.

11 Mr. Biggs. Fair enough. I mean, it is a bit of a debate, but the only reason that
12 it's a debate is because you're refusing to answer the question because you've asserted a
13 privilege that we disagree about.

14 Mr. Sullivan. Correct. And --

15 Mr. Bishop. I'm pursuing that with one further question. Mr. Morris, Chairman
16 Smith asked you a question about whether you talked to Hunter Biden about the Viacom
17 merger. Was the Viacom merger within the subject matter of your representation of
18 Hunter Biden?

19 Mr. Sullivan. Mr. Chairman, actually, I had said to carve that out, and so the
20 question was whether he spoke with Joe Biden or the White House about --

21 Mr. Bishop. Right. You carved it out.

22 Mr. Sullivan. Yes.

23 Mr. Bishop. That's why I'm pursuing the question because it's an inappropriate
24 carveout, inappropriate assertion of a carveout unless there's a predicate for saying that
25 Viacom merger is within the scope of your attorney-client relationship with Mr. Biden.

1 Was your -- was the Viacom merger the subject matter of your attorney-client
2 relationship with Hunter Biden?

3 Mr. Morris. I would argue it was, but let me clarify.

4 Mr. Sullivan. Wait.

5 Mr. Bishop. Well, let's hear him out.

6 Mr. Morris. Okay. Let me clarify.

7 There has been a lot of ridiculous rumors about what I've done. That one is the
8 most ridiculous. I did not -- I was not involved in any way with Viacom's merger. It's
9 not something I do. It's not something they would talk to me about.

10 Mr. Bishop. So it's not within the scope of your attorney-client relationship --

11 Mr. Morris. No, I didn't say that.

12 Mr. Bishop. -- with Hunter Biden?

13 Mr. Morris. I didn't say that. I said I -- you know, I'm not waiving the privilege
14 on that or any other issue.

15 Mr. Bishop. I'm trying to test whether the assertion of privilege is in good faith.

16 Mr. Morris. Well, we can --

17 Mr. Bishop. You don't contend that the matter -- the Viacom merger was within
18 the subject matter of your attorney-client relationship with Mr. Biden?

19 Mr. Morris. Yeah, I don't deny that.

20 Mr. Bishop. You don't deny that it is or you don't claim that it is?

21 Mr. Morris. I don't -- I don't deny that it is.

22 Mr. Bishop. In what way?

23 Mr. Morris. No. That's just pretty semantic --

24 Mr. Bishop. Did he seek your advice with respect to the Viacom merger?

25 Mr. Sullivan. Mr. Chairman, because --

1 Mr. Biggs. Well, I'm not the chairman.

2 Mr. Sullivan. Sorry, sorry. Mr. Representative, I'm the one who asserted the
3 privilege.

4 Mr. Bishop. Right. I'm laying a factual predicate for it.

5 Mr. Sullivan. And one of the other things that I had discussions with is I can
6 assert the privilege and then we can discuss it at another time, you know, at a break, and
7 we would discuss it further and go back to those questions, not just on that one, but in
8 various calls with Mr. [REDACTED] Mr. [REDACTED] and I believe Mr. [REDACTED] that's how we said
9 we would deal with this issue.

10 So I am being precautionary, but when he asks -- when Chairman Smith asks the
11 question, you know, did you speak with these, these, these in one question, I wanted to
12 break that up into individuals.

13 Mr. Bishop. I yield. Fine.

14 Mr. [REDACTED] I just want to --

15 Ms. [REDACTED] Yeah, I just want to note this is a voluntary interview and the witness
16 is appearing voluntarily today.

17 Mr. Goldman. Could I --

18 Mr. [REDACTED] We're going to pause the majority's time.

19 Mr. Goldman. Yeah, that's fine.

20 Just because you're going to discuss this at the break, I think what would be
21 helpful for all of us is to understand if as -- if you are acting as Hunter Biden's personal
22 attorney for a variety of these different measures, in which case you would be part of the
23 attorney-client privilege, even if it was not a specific agreement. So I think we need to
24 understand exactly what the relationship was in terms of you serving as his general
25 counsel and personal attorney for all legal matters or various different legal matters,

1 because that would help to define what the privilege you're talking about is.

2 Mr. [REDACTED] Thank you, sir.

3 Mr. [REDACTED] Just to make sure the record is clear, because I know there was a
4 lot of back and forth, my understanding, first of all, is that there was a reference to what
5 the record said. And I believe the witness said he was Hunter Biden's friend and
6 attorney, and so I just want to make sure that that is clear.

7 And with regard to the -- there was a long discussion about Viacom and privilege,
8 and my understanding is that the witness's counsel's position was that he is not going to
9 discuss what is or is not within the privilege. There's no representation that there were
10 any discussions about Viacom. There's just this blanket position that they were not
11 going to discuss the privilege, so that's -- Viacom was not in the privilege, this was not in
12 the privilege, and cherry-pick away which would -- you know, proceeding in that way
13 would violate the privilege in itself. And I understood witness counsel's position to be,
14 there is a privilege and we are not going to discuss what was or was not discussed with
15 Mr. Biden. Is that fair?

16 Mr. Sullivan. That's a fair assessment, but I also will add to it that in prior
17 discussions with Mr. [REDACTED] Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] we had said it would be
18 question by question if and when it became an issue so that I would have the opportunity
19 to discuss it with my client, who is Hunter's attorney, and discuss it with Hunter's other
20 attorney as well if it became that as an issue.

21 Mr. [REDACTED] And it would be inaccurate to believe that the record says that
22 Mr. Morris stated that he discussed Viacom with Hunter Biden or did not discuss Viacom.

23 Mr. [REDACTED] Let me stop this here. The record reflects what the record
24 reflects. We don't -- you don't need to ask the witness's lawyer about what the record
25 states.

1 Let's continue on with the question.

2 Mr. [REDACTED] Well --

3 Mr. [REDACTED] You'll have your time, [REDACTED] You'll have your time here in
4 about --

5 Mr. [REDACTED] It's a 1-second clarification.

6 Mr. Sullivan. I will just clear up that the question from Chairman Smith was
7 listing a group of names, and I asked him to break that up, which he did, but we had
8 never gotten to the question of Hunter Biden's conversations. We just were talking
9 about the White House. So that's -- and then the next question, I forgot who that was,
10 but he then assumed that there was a statement about Hunter Biden. That's what I was
11 clearing up. And I'm more than willing to have those conversations with you and with
12 Mr. Lowell and Mr. Morris in discussions to see about that. I just -- I am trying to
13 protect the privilege because it is not Mr. Morris's privilege, it is Mr. Biden's privilege that
14 Mr. Morris is obligated to keep until he is authorized to make another statement.

15 So go ahead.

16 Mr. [REDACTED] Our time -- we'll continue with the majority -- that took about 3
17 or 4 minutes, so we'll stop at 11:18.

18 Mr. [REDACTED] We've got the clock on.

19 Mr. [REDACTED] Oh, you do. Okay. Thank you.

20 BY MR. [REDACTED]

21 Q Going back to page 16 of exhibit 1, there are other expenses here that you
22 have paid for, according to the DOJ indictment. Does that -- have you paid for Hunter
23 Biden via loan for his accountants?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Approximately do you know how much you have paid for Hunter Biden's

1 accountants?

2 A I can't remember. It was a lot.

3 Q Millions?

4 A No.

5 Q Hundreds of thousands?

6 A Not millions. I don't recall. Not millions, though. It felt like millions.

7 Q And then the other category that the indictment has identified is media
8 relations. Can you tell us what you paid via loans regarding media relations?

9 A Look, Counsel, I'm not admitting or denying or making any comment about
10 this indictment. I -- you know, I talked about the accountant, but I can't characterize
11 this indictment. I can't answer these questions. You understand that.

12 Q It wasn't my question.

13 My question is did you, via loans, pay for any payments to a media relations
14 company on behalf of Hunter Biden?

15 A You did tie it to the indictment, but what I will say is yes.

16 Q The reason I'm using the indictment is because you provided us with no list
17 of the different categories of payments you made on behalf of Hunter Biden despite the
18 fact that we sent you a letter, we sent a scope of the topics, and it was clear that a large
19 majority of what we would be discussing today would be the loans that you paid to
20 Hunter Biden. You did not come with anything laid out describing that or to any effect
21 of how much you have paid for loans.

22 Mr. Sullivan. But as I recall from our conversations, you also -- a document
23 request was not included in that.

24 Mr. [REDACTED] No, we did not make a document request. We're happy to
25 make a document request after this or subpoena if necessary. You tell us which you

1 would prefer.

2 Mr. Sullivan. We'll discuss that after the interview.

3 BY MR. [REDACTED]

4 Q I would like to now turn to exhibit 2, which is the Delaware plea colloquy
5 between Hunter Biden, change of plea on July 26th of 2023, in the United States District
6 Court for the District of Delaware.

7 Mr. Sullivan. What page was that again?

8 Mr. [REDACTED] It's now going to be on page 35. The page numbers are on the
9 upper right-hand corner. The pages are four per page, beginning on line 9.

10 Ms. [REDACTED] I'm sorry. What page?

11 Mr. [REDACTED] So it would be 35 in the upper right-hand corner because there's
12 pages on the bottom. It's the upper right-hand corner, page 35 and line 9.

13 Ms. [REDACTED] Could we have copies, please?

14 Ms. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] we need some copies down here, please?

15 Mr. Morris. While we're waiting, Mr. [REDACTED] can I clarify something for the
16 record?

17 Mr. [REDACTED] Yes, sir.

18 Mr. Morris. I am a transactional attorney. Happily, I haven't been in court for
19 25 years because that's what I do. You know, it doesn't mean anything that I haven't
20 been in court, other than as a transactional attorney.

21 Mr. Sullivan. And general counsel.

22 Mr. Morris. And general counsel. But many -- as you know, a lot of lawyers
23 make deals and they don't go to court.

24 BY MR. [REDACTED]

25 Q Thank you. Please let me know when you're ready, Mr. Morris.

1 A What are we on? Page 35?

2 Q We're on page 35 if you look in the upper right-hand corner. And if you go
3 to line 9, it starts with "The Court."

4 A Okay.

5 Q And just to give you some background, this is the plea colloquy with Hunter
6 Biden and Hunter Biden's counsel and the court during the Delaware change of plea that
7 did not go through.

8 I want to go through now payments that you've made on behalf of Hunter Biden
9 via loan for his different tax liabilities.

10 I'm going to read into the record where it says, "The Court" on line 9. "The
11 Court: All right. In exhibit 1, there are references to taxes paid by a third party on Mr.
12 Biden's behalf of \$955,800 and \$956,632, as well as \$492,000 in 2016 and \$197,000 for
13 2019. Just looking at 2017 and 2018, which are the subject of this case, those numbers
14 add up to more than \$1.9 million."

15 Did you pay for Hunter Biden, via loan, any of Hunter Biden's tax debts or taxes
16 that were owed to different State and Federal agencies?

17 A Yeah, yes.

18 Q And in this plea colloquy, the Court references that a third party on Mr.
19 Biden's behalf paid \$955,800 and \$956,632.

20 Did you pay those amounts via loan on behalf of Hunter Biden to the IRS?

21 A I don't -- I believe so. I think these numbers are right. I'm not sure,
22 though, because I believe -- there were -- you know, this is a little sneaky. There was
23 substantial -- I believe \$800,000 of penalties and interest that Mr. Biden paid at that time.

24 Q But that would be the total payment, including the taxes he owed, plus
25 penalties and interest. Because as you said, these are -- there could have been

1 substantial penalties and interest by the IRS at that point?

2 A I don't know if that's including these numbers. I don't want to be difficult --

3 Q But you paid these amounts on behalf of Hunter Biden to the IRS?

4 A Yeah -- look, I think this was -- this is about right. I can't say this is exactly
5 right without going back and looking at my records, but we can proceed.

6 Q And then the next clause, it says, "As well as \$492,000 in 2016, and \$197,000
7 for 2019."

8 Does that sound approximately correct, that you can recall, that you paid on
9 behalf of Hunter Biden via loans for his taxes?

10 A Well, it's -- this is written sloppily. I didn't pay anything in 2016, and I
11 believe when we -- I believe when we voluntarily added this up in 2021, it was for
12 multiple tax years. I can't remember.

13 Q Do you recall paying approximately \$200,000 for 2019? So \$197,000 is
14 what it states here. I'm just approximating in case it's off, but is that approximately --

15 Mr. Sullivan. Just to clarify, for 2019 tax year, not that it was paid in 2019?

16 Mr. [REDACTED] Correct. Yeah, I believe it was paid subsequently.

17 BY MR. [REDACTED]

18 Q For the 2019 tax year, did you pay that amount for Hunter Biden via loan to
19 the IRS?

20 A Yes.

21 Mr. Jordan. Are these the only 4 years?

22 Mr. Sullivan. In the --

23 Mr. Jordan. Tax liability that you covered? So it looks like reading this it's '16,
24 '17, '18, and '19.

25 Mr. Morris. I think that's right.

1 Mr. Jordan. Did you pay any other? '15?

2 Mr. Morris. I can check that, Congressman, but I --

3 Mr. Sullivan. Can we clarify that?

4 Do you know or do you have any recollection of that?

5 Mr. Jordan. I'm just curious if these are the only 4 years.

6 Mr. Morris. Yeah.

7 Mr. Jordan. Because he had tax liability in '15 as well.

8 Mr. Morris. That's what I understand.

9 BY MR. [REDACTED]

10 Q And the amount of money you've loaned Mr. Biden, is it all in one vehicle, so
11 to speak? Is it sort of a tab that you have with him or --

12 A There's a number of promissory notes.

13 Q Okay. Are you able to maybe give us a little bit more clarity, like there's a
14 promissory note for the taxes or there's promissory note for the year 2020? I mean, is
15 there any way to sort of help us understand --

16 A You know, Counsel, I don't -- I can't really remember. It's -- there's a
17 number of promissory notes over the years. My lawyers and his lawyers have been
18 careful to take care of it. I don't know. Maybe some were specifically for tax
19 payments. I'm not sure. Maybe some were for periods of time, you know, that was
20 squared up.

21 Mr. [REDACTED] Okay. Is that something, Counsel, we can maybe reach a -- you can
22 meet us halfway on, like putting some, you know, roster of what the promissory notes
23 are?

24 Mr. Sullivan. We can discuss that when we go back.

25 Mr. [REDACTED] Okay. Thank you.

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BY MR. [REDACTED]

Q Then on page 34, so if you look diagonal down to the left, line 11. I'll read it into the record. "For tax year 2016, Biden reported \$1,580,283 in total income and self-assessed tax due of \$492,895, of which \$447,234 was timely paid, leaving a balance due and owing of \$45,661. Biden did not include a payment with this return. On or about October 18, 2021, this liability, plus accrued interest and penalties, was also fully paid by a third party."

Do you recall making a payment to the IRS on behalf of Hunter Biden via a loan for an amount that included the \$45,661, plus penalties and interest?

A I don't remember off the top of my head.

Let me clarify. When Hunter decided to voluntarily -- you know, to pay when we did, we just asked for -- we asked for the tab. We just asked how much. So I'm a little -- you know, I'm a little rusty about these amounts.

Ms. Van Duyne. I've got just one quick question I would like to ask.

You mentioned earlier that you were an art collector. Did you ever purchase any of Hunter Biden's art?

Mr. Morris. Yes.

Ms. Van Duyne. How many?

Mr. Morris. A number of paintings over the last 4 years.

Ms. Van Duyne. And do you remember how much you paid for those?

Mr. Morris. I'm sorry?

Ms. Van Duyne. How much you paid for those?

Mr. Morris. Yes.

Ms. Van Duyne. Is it something you can share with us?

Mr. Morris. Well, it's complicated. It was a little complicated, but I

1 bought -- shortly after I first met Hunter, I bought two paintings, I believe, for \$40. And
2 then as it's been reported, I bought a lot -- not a lot -- a lot, you know, of 11 paintings.

3 Mr. [REDACTED] I think that's our time. This hour is up. We can take a 10- or
4 15-minute break. What does everyone feel like?

5 Mr. [REDACTED] 15 minutes.

6 Mr. [REDACTED] Sorry?

7 Mr. [REDACTED] Take 15-minute breaks.

8 Mr. [REDACTED] 15-minute break, that would give you time to call Mr. Lowell?

9 Mr. Sullivan. Yeah.

10 Mr. [REDACTED] Go off the record. Thank you.

11 [Recess.]

12 Ms. [REDACTED] Okay. We are back on the record.

13 BY MS. [REDACTED]

14 Q Mr. Morris, on behalf of the minority, we'd like to thank you for appearing
15 today. And I do want to note for the record that you are appearing here today
16 voluntarily, correct?

17 A Yes.

18 Q You were not subpoenaed. You chose to come?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Thank you.

21 I think the overarching question, the reason why you're here is because there's
22 question as to your reasons for loaning Hunter Biden amounts of money that I think most
23 of us in this room would probably never see. And I think in order to understand
24 that -- and you've explained it in your statement. But in order to really understand that,
25 we need to understand more about you.

1 So I'm going to be starting the minority's questions with a series of questions
2 about your personal life and your background and delve into that a little more deeply
3 than you have.

4 You grew up you said in Media, Pennsylvania?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And that's in Delaware County, correct?

7 A Yes.

8 Q How close is that to where Hunter Biden grew up?

9 A It's about -- as the crow flies, about 10 miles, 15 miles.

10 Q So very close?

11 A Very close.

12 Q Same part of the country?

13 A Absolutely. Our high schools were rivals.

14 Q But you weren't in high school at the same time?

15 A No. He's a little younger than me.

16 Q And what can you tell us about your hometown, your part of Pennsylvania?
17 How would you describe it economically?

18 A Well, I lived in Media. I also lived in a couple smaller sort of places that
19 were, I would say, a little -- little less economically, I think. But, anyway, it's a blue-collar
20 area. You know, there's the Marcus Hook Oil Refinery. Sunoco is really close. I
21 worked there one summer. It's a lot of hardworking people, and it's very -- with not a
22 lot of money.

23 Q Would you describe your family as working class when you grew up?

24 A Oh, yeah.

25 Q And I believe it's been reported in the media that at one point, your family

1 had to go on food stamps. Is that correct?

2 A Yeah. I had to go because my mom was embarrassed.

3 Q I'm sorry? Just --

4 A I had to use them -- I had to go and do it because my mom was embarrassed.

5 Q So you know what it's like to struggle economically?

6 A Yeah.

7 Q And when you were growing up, you and your brothers would spend time at
8 a youth center in your hometown?

9 A Yes. Our home away from home -- it was tough at home, so our home
10 away from home, especially for me, was the Media Boys Club, which became the Media
11 Youth Center.

12 Q And once you were successful, you and your brothers donated over a million
13 dollars to that youth center, correct?

14 A Correct. We wanted to rename it after a gentleman named Jumbo Johnson
15 who was our -- you know, who was like a father to us.

16 Q And your career really got started with your education, I imagine. And as
17 you said, you went to Cornell and NYU, correct?

18 A Correct.

19 Q And did you have to work to put yourself through school?

20 A Yeah.

21 Q And after law school, as you said, you became an entertainment lawyer,
22 correct?

23 A A couple of years after, yeah.

24 Q And at some point -- I'm not sure if it was in your thirties. Perhaps you can
25 tell me. But you became addicted to alcohol, correct?

1 A Well, let me just say this, Counsel. There's a concept of anonymity in these
2 programs, and I'm really not supposed to -- I'm not supposed to talk about it, or anybody
3 else that is, but I think what's been publicly reported is accurate.

4 Q And what's been publicly reported is that you have struggled with alcohol
5 abuse?

6 A Yes. I haven't had a drink in 27 years.

7 Q And so, fair to say you overcame that addiction?

8 A Well, that part.

9 Q That part. Fair enough.
10 And you know how difficult that is?

11 A Do I.

12 Q Now, as you stated earlier, you met Hunter Biden the first time at that
13 fundraiser in Brentwood, correct?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And you believe it was in November of 2019?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And was that the first time that you attended a political fundraiser?

18 A Oh, no. I've been to political fundraisers.

19 Q And was that the first time -- well, you know, scratch that.

20 And you met Hunter on your way out?

21 A Yes.

22 Q And then about a week later --

23 A Yeah.

24 Q -- give or take, you had that 5-hour conversation at his house?

25 A Uh-huh.

1 Q You and Hunter Biden, fair to say, have a lot in common?

2 A We do. And, you know, I had a -- I'm always asked why I did that, and this
3 is a really complicated answer, but I will say one thing is that I had a very tribal feeling
4 about Hunter. You know, he's -- you know, he's a guy. I have brothers. He's from
5 close. You know, he was -- he was in a lot of trouble. You know, what I tell people is
6 that, you know, I basically found him like a guy getting the crap beat out of him in a -- by a
7 gang of people. And, you know, where we come from, you don't let that happen. You
8 get in and you start swinging.

9 Q It wasn't just, though, that feeling of tribalism --

10 A Not at all.

11 Q -- and protectiveness, there's also a genuine bond there, correct, a genuine
12 bond?

13 A Oh, yeah, that was part of it. But, of course, we have many, many things in
14 common. You know, I knew his brother had died.

15 Q And as you said, you're both from the same part of the country?

16 A Correct.

17 Q And I'm just going to go ahead and make an assumption here, but I'm
18 guessing that you're both Irish?

19 A Irish, Catholic, lots of booze flying around.

20 Q And you're both attorneys?

21 A Yes.

22 Q And Hunter had only been sober for less than a year, about 6 months when
23 you met him. Is that correct?

24 A Hunter had been sober for a pretty long period of time previously in his life,
25 and he was doing well, and then he went out again after Beau died, his brother.

1 Q And so, when you first met him, how far in the past, approximately -- and I'm
2 not asking you for specifics -- was his relapse -- had he been sober since that relapse?

3 A I think he had a relapse in '15. I'm not sure. And, you know, I met him
4 January -- I think it was 9 months, I think.

5 Q Okay.

6 A From December, I think it was 9 months, 6 months.

7 Q And I imagine you're aware that that's a very fragile point in somebody's
8 recovery --

9 A Yes.

10 Q -- from substance abuse --

11 A Yes, it is.

12 Q -- that first year.

13 And you said that you went to Hunter's home in Los Angeles. Again, I'm not
14 asking for the address, but can you tell us what neighborhood and describe the
15 neighborhood?

16 A It was like up in -- not way up in the hills, but up in the hills a little, in
17 Hollywood, Los Feliz area.

18 Q And you mentioned earlier that you needed to get security for him because
19 it was dangerous. If you could expand on that a little bit. You started to, but I would
20 like to get a little bit more sense of what you saw.

21 A Well, look, you know, I have a lot of people that have security needs, and
22 so -- that's sort of where my head goes to first, you know, and he didn't have any. There
23 was -- you know, he told stories about the people that were coming, the paparazzi
24 outside of his door, even back then when they chased him through the streets. And,
25 you know, Melissa is pregnant. Melissa is 5 months pregnant, you know. So I decided

1 to move them.

2 And, you know, I had security, and I decided to move them, and there were -- as I
3 discussed earlier, there were -- you know, it had to be quickly. It had to be a place that
4 was entirely private. And, you know, it -- you know, had specific stuff, and he wanted to
5 be closer to me, right, so I did. That's why I loaned him the money.

6 Q And so, you just said it was your idea. You came up with the idea, and you
7 offered to help him do that?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Hunter didn't ask?

10 A No.

11 Q And did you choose the Canals in Venice because of the security that they
12 offered?

13 A It was private, even though there's canals.

14 Q "Private" is a better word.

15 A Even though, you know, podcasters and other, you know, nuts would have
16 rode by in the canal, you know, with a speaker saying, Come out. Hunter Biden, come
17 out. But it was very private the way it was organized.

18 Q And you said that when you asked him how he was doing, he answered, and
19 you spoke for 5 hours?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And that was when your bond was formed, was first formed?

22 A Yes. We hit it off right away.

23 Q Okay. And since that day, you've been extremely close?

24 A Yeah. We talk almost every day. I would see him three, four, five times a
25 week.

1 Q And where do you usually see him? Does he come to your home? Do you
2 go to his?

3 A He usually comes to my house. We have sort of a war room there.

4 Q And can you explain what a war room is for those that --

5 A It's in my house. I don't like to go anywhere, so he comes to my house. I
6 have a big open living room, and there's a table, and that's where I sit and take meetings
7 and stuff.

8 Q And have you become close with Melissa as well?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And you've introduced Hunter to members of your family as well, correct?

11 A Absolutely. He's -- even before they met him, my brother started -- my two
12 brothers -- I have two younger brothers -- they started calling Hunter and just giving him
13 positive reinforcement shortly after they met. And, you know, we're all really tight.

14 Q And you're close enough that you even introduced Hunter to your mother
15 before she passed away?

16 A I did. He came to Philadelphia -- he came to Philadelphia when my mom
17 was -- she was about past her cognitive abilities.

18 Q And that I imagine --

19 A But it was sort of the last thing she remembered, I think.

20 Q Okay. It was important to you that he meet her --

21 A Yes.

22 Q -- while she still had those cognitive abilities?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And Melissa knew her as well?

25 A Yes. Melissa and my mom formed a bond. They -- and they talked a lot.

1 There's two powerful talkers, you know, so they hit it off.

2 Q Is it fair to say that Hunter is like family to you?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And that's why you loaned him money, correct?

5 A I don't know if there's one reason but, sure, that's a big reason.

6 Q The bond between you is a big part of the reason why you offered to help
7 him in the many ways that you have?

8 A Sure, yes.

9 Q I'm going to ask you some questions about your career and some of the
10 deals that you've done, so that we can understand how and why you were able to loan
11 Hunter the amounts that you did.

12 You've been an entertainment attorney since the early nineties?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And one of your first clients was Matthew McConaughey?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And you began representing him at the beginning of his career?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And a year after -- well, shortly -- I'm not sure when. You can tell me -- you
19 met Mr. McConaughey, you met two young writers named Trey Parker and Matt Stone?

20 A Yeah. I still represent all of them, yeah.

21 Q And so, you became the attorney for all of these folks that we've mentioned
22 so far?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And Trey Parker and Matt Stone are the creators of "South Park"?

25 A Yes, they are.

1 Q So you are the attorney who first negotiated the deal to get their program
2 on TV?

3 A First and 17 other ones, yes.

4 Q I imagine.

5 You got a percentage of profits from that deal?

6 A That's private.

7 Q I'm not going to ask you the percentage. I was asking that you made a lot
8 of money from that. Fair to say?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And fair to say, you made a lot of money from representing Matthew
11 McConaughey for over 30 years?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And in the mid-1990s you founded your own firm?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And you worked there, as you said, until just a couple of years ago?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And at that firm it's been reported that you sought to hire people from
18 different backgrounds. Is that correct?

19 A Yes, absolutely.

20 Q Including people who had been through the juvenile detention system?

21 A Yes. We had -- we sort of specifically -- one of my partners was real
22 involved in some programs there, so it was a real specific thing that we wanted to do.
23 And, by the way, they've done great.

24 Q You wanted to help people who had been through adversity?

25 A Absolutely.

1 Q And Matthew McConaughey and the "South Park" deal, those aren't your
2 only high-profile clients, correct?

3 A No.

4 Q Can you tell us who some of the other people you've represented over the
5 years? And this is not for name-dropping. It's just to get a sense of your financial
6 sphere.

7 A Yeah. Well, I had a law firm, and, you know, I always try to compare it to a
8 football team, you know. So we handled people together. You know, there's Matthew
9 and Trey, Mike Judge, Minnie Driver, and then at the firm, you know, Chris Rock, Ellen
10 DeGeneres, Scarlett. We have about -- we had about 35 show runners on the air.
11 There was a lot.

12 Q And when you say that you compare it to a football team, fair to say you're
13 the quarterback?

14 A Absolutely.

15 Q Okay. And --

16 A Would you think anything else?

17 Q No, I would not, but I wanted it for the record.

18 And, Mr. Morris, as the quarterback and the founder of the firm, any of the
19 clients' firms you and your partners share the profits from the revenue that you generate
20 from those clients?

21 A Yes.

22 Q I want to ask you about some of your most lucrative deals.

23 In 2007, you negotiated a deal for Parker and Stone to get 50 percent of their
24 rights of digital revenue?

25 A I actually made -- I got that in the 2002 deal.

1 Q Oh, wow. 2002?

2 A Actually I just -- you know, it might have been '99. It was in '99 because
3 we -- that's when we broke it into a renegotiation.

4 Q And that was an unprecedented deal, as far as you knew?

5 A Yeah. Essentially nobody knew where the internet would be, like, yet. I
6 had a lot of leverage and, you know, so we got all of that. We split it.

7 Q More recently, in 2021, you negotiated another substantial deal for them?

8 A Yes.

9 Q And that was a deal for almost \$1 billion extending the run of "South Park"
10 and for other --

11 A Yeah. It was \$900 million in fees and \$500 million production commitment,
12 so 1.4.

13 Q And you received a percentage of that?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And in addition to the deals you've made for Parker and Stone for "South
16 Park," you've also helped produce the show, "Book of Mormon" --

17 A Yes.

18 Q -- the Broadway show, correct?

19 A Uh-huh.

20 Q And that was written by Parker and Stone?

21 A Yes.

22 Q You saw the potential for that musical before it became a thing?

23 A Yes. I mean, I'm very close with the ideas, with the guys. And they had
24 the idea, shoot, 6 years earlier.

25 Q And you invested \$1.5 million of your own funds --

- 1 A I don't know.
- 2 Q -- to make that show happen?
- 3 A I don't know if that was correct. But, yes, I did invest.
- 4 Q You did a substantial amount?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q And "Book of Mormon" has grossed more than \$1 billion worldwide,
7 correct?
- 8 A Absolutely.
- 9 Q You own multiple homes?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q Including a compound or estate in Malibu, or thereabouts?
- 12 A Yeah. Compound is pushing it. It's just a house.
- 13 Q Okay. You have your own private plane?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q And your law firm would bring in over \$50 million a year?
- 16 A By the end, we were -- by the end we were, yeah.
- 17 Q So it's fair to say that you've made many millions of dollars in your career as
18 an entertainment attorney?
- 19 A Yes. And I've paid millions of dollars of taxes.
- 20 Q I bet you have.
- 21 And is it fair to say that you've made enough money that you could afford to have
22 just given Hunter Biden the money that you loaned him?
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 Q With no expectation of repayment, correct?
- 25 A Right.

- 1 Q But that's not what you did?
- 2 A That's not what I did.
- 3 Q You chose to loan him money?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q And just to be clear, because of the nature of your wealth, that's part of the
6 reason why you can't remember the exact numbers?
- 7 A That's right. But my counsel reminded me of that.
- 8 Q And Hunter Biden is not the only person you've loaned money to?
- 9 A No.
- 10 Q Far from it. And as you've mentioned earlier, you've also donated money
11 to folks or organizations that you --
- 12 A Yeah. I -- it's immodest to talk about, you know, one's charity, but loans
13 I've done --
- 14 I said it's immodest to talk about that stuff. But, yeah, the answer is yes,
15 I've -- you know, I've been around for a while, so there's a lot of charity. I help a lot of
16 friends. I tend to try to help friends more than donate to charities, local.
- 17 Q Have you helped other friends with their homes, like paying their rent or
18 mortgages?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q And you've helped other friends pay their other bills?
- 21 A Yes. I like to give loans to people who are starting out who need a
22 downpayment for their house.
- 23 Q And as you accumulated wealth, you also developed an interest in art?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q And I believe you refer to yourself as an art collector --

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q -- earlier?
- 3 Art is obviously something that you're willing to spend money on?
- 4 A Absolutely.
- 5 Q Okay. And I believe you said that that first visit to Hunter's home, that was
- 6 when you first saw his art?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q And you were very impressed that first visit?
- 9 A I was.
- 10 Q And you liked it enough to actually hang it in your home after you acquired
- 11 some?
- 12 A Absolutely.
- 13 Q Did you also see it as an investment?
- 14 A Yes. But I don't buy art as an investment. I hope it works out well. But,
- 15 I mean, I buy things I like. I've never sold a piece of art.
- 16 Q I'm sorry?
- 17 A I've never sold a piece of art.
- 18 Q Your relationship with Hunter and your loans to him, your desire to help him
- 19 and just the overall nature of your relationship, it's not different from -- I mean, you've
- 20 had similar relationships with clients before, correct?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q Who became your friends?
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 Q And you also have a history -- I believe you said -- you just said that you loan
- 25 people money when they're just starting out?

1 A That's part of it, but, you know, funerals, people that are sick, you know, lots
2 of stuff.

3 Q And the relationship that you have with Mr. -- with Hunter Biden, I believe
4 earlier you said that you assemble a team?

5 A Correct.

6 Q Using the metaphor that we used earlier --

7 A Yeah.

8 Q -- is it fair to say you're a quarterback on that team?

9 A Absolutely.

10 Q Okay. And that's something that you've done with other clients?

11 A I've been the quarterback on a lot of teams.

12 Q And you're quarterbacking not just strictly the entertainment law part of it,
13 but their overall --

14 A Correct.

15 Q -- situation, correct?

16 A Correct. Anything that happens, you know, their dog bites someone or,
17 you know, first dollar deal with a student.

18 Q And often in that role, you develop close relationships with your clients?

19 A Yes. Entertainment is very -- entertainment -- you know, talent and
20 representation is a very personal thing.

21 Q In the same way that your relationship with Hunter is both personal and
22 professional, correct?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And when you meet someone who you connect with personally and
25 professionally, you trust your instincts?

1 A Always. I mean, that's how I've done it. That's how I've done it.

2 Q And you're willing to invest in them both personally and professionally?

3 A Absolutely.

4 Q And that's what you're doing with Hunter Biden?

5 A Well, I don't want to give the idea that it's because he'll be a movie star
6 someday or something --

7 Q Right.

8 A -- you know, but, yeah.

9 Q Well, you're willing to put so much of yourself on the line because you trust
10 him?

11 A Yes, I trust him. I -- you know, when I make loans, it's my money. And,
12 you know, what I -- you know, I use all different kinds of ways to assess it. And, you
13 know, my confidence that somebody is going to pay back is something I decide, and I
14 don't -- you know, I don't follow any standard rules.

15 Q You trust your instincts?

16 A I definitely do.

17 Q And they've served you pretty well so far?

18 A They're okay.

19 Ms. [REDACTED] I think I'll pass it on to my colleague from Oversight.

20 Mr. Raskin. Yes. Thank you much, Mr. Morris.

21 Have you ever been a lawyer or an agent for the Saudi government?

22 Mr. Morris. No.

23 Mr. Raskin. Have you been an agent or lawyer for the Chinese government?

24 Mr. Morris. No.

25 Mr. Raskin. Have you been an agent or lawyer for the Kuwait government?

- 1 Mr. Morris. No.
- 2 Mr. Raskin. Are you representing any foreign governments right now?
- 3 Mr. Morris. No.
- 4 Mr. Raskin. Are you a registered lobbyist?
- 5 Mr. Morris. No.
- 6 Mr. Raskin. Is your relationship with Hunter Biden based on some ulterior
7 lobbying agenda?
- 8 Mr. Morris. No.
- 9 Mr. Raskin. You guys are just friends?
- 10 Mr. Morris. Friends and clients -- client and a friend.
- 11 Mr. Raskin. He's your client?
- 12 Mr. Morris. He's my client, and he's my very good friend.
- 13 Mr. Raskin. So is there any proof of corruption involved in your relationship with
14 Hunter Biden?
- 15 Mr. Morris. No.
- 16 Mr. Raskin. Do you give campaign contributions to politicians in exercise of your
17 First Amendment rights?
- 18 Mr. Morris. Yes, yes, and some PACs.
- 19 Mr. Raskin. And to some political PACs, okay.
- 20 Okay. Those are the only questions I have right now.
- 21 Mr. Morris. That's it?
- 22 Mr. Raskin. That's it. Thanks.
- 23 BY MS. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
- 24 Q I just have a few questions. Hi.
- 25 A Hi.

- 1 Q You said that you've met President Biden a few times.
- 2 A Uh-huh.
- 3 Q Is that correct?
- 4 A Uh-huh.
- 5 Q Including at Naomi's wedding and at the White House picnic?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q And is it fair to say there were many other people there at those events?
- 8 A Oh, yeah. Yeah, each time.
- 9 Q You exchanged pleasantries with President Biden, would you say?
- 10 A Yes, yes.
- 11 Q And did you witness other people also engaging in brief exchanges with the
12 President?
- 13 A Everyone.
- 14 Q And in the times that you've spoken with President Biden, have you ever
15 discussed Hunter Biden's business ventures with the President?
- 16 A No.
- 17 Ms. [REDACTED] Thank you.
- 18 Mr. Raskin. What year -- I'm sorry. What year did you graduate from high
19 school -- from law school?
- 20 Mr. Morris. '88, 1988.
- 21 Mr. Raskin. We're contemporaries, and your life has taken a very different path
22 than mine.
- 23 Mr. Morris. You were probably -- did better in law school than I did.
- 24 BY MR. [REDACTED]
- 25 Q Did you ever discuss your business with President Biden?

1 A No.

2 Q Did you ever discuss your loans to Hunter Biden with President Biden?

3 A No.

4 Q Did you ever discuss your purchase of Hunter Biden's art with President

5 Biden?

6 A No.

7 BY MS. [REDACTED]

8 Q We already talked a little bit about your financial relationship with Hunter,

9 so I'm going to ask you a couple more questions digging into that.

10 So you say you have loaned Hunter money?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And these loans occurred over a number of years?

13 A Yes.

14 Q So you advanced money to Hunter, and then you would later formalize it

15 into promissory notes?

16 A It was always -- actually, Hunter wouldn't -- Hunter wouldn't take money

17 from me. You know, he wouldn't even accept it if I tried. He doesn't ask me for

18 money. I voluntarily loan it to him when I do. And, you know, in terms of

19 documentation, we catch it up, which is consistent with things I've done often. But it's

20 all to date. You know, it's all documented. I guess that's all.

21 Q So the loans are all documented?

22 A Well-documented.

23 Q What are the terms of the loans to Hunter?

24 A You know, I've -- the terms of a promissory note have glossed over, but what

25 I do know -- you know, every lawyer knows -- it has an interest rate, it has a term, and,

1 you know, some default provisions.

2 Q So when you say interest rate, do you have a sense of how much that is?

3 A It's whatever the legal requirement is. 5 percent jumps to my head.

4 Q And you said there's a default provision. Does that mean that if Hunter
5 doesn't make payments on time that there's some sort of penalty for him?

6 A Yeah. There's a standard, you know, if you don't pay -- you know, loan
7 agreement, there's -- you don't pay, there's, you know, the -- you know, the rights you
8 have in the event of a default. It's pretty standard stuff.

9 Q So all of the terms of this loan are standard?

10 A Correct, very standard.

11 Q You said earlier that Hunter has to start making repayments starting in 2025.
12 Is that right?

13 A Yeah.

14 Q Why not sooner?

15 A I'm not required to -- I'm not required to ask for it sooner, and that's the
16 business deal we made -- our lawyers made.

17 Q So you said your lawyers made this deal. So is it fair to say your lawyer
18 negotiated with Hunter's lawyer?

19 A I play a lawyer on TV. I'm not really a lawyer. Yeah, I have lawyers for lots
20 of things.

21 Q So were you involved in the negotiations personally? Did you talk to
22 Hunter about the terms?

23 A No. I left it with my lawyers.

24 Q Was it an arm's length transaction?

25 A Absolutely. Every -- let me be clear. You know, I'm not an idiot. I know

1 the importance of these things being arm's length.

2 Q So your lawyers handled all of the details?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And that's part of the reason why you're not familiar with the details right
5 now because your lawyer handled it?

6 A Correct. And I'm not good about details when it comes to money.

7 Q I want to go back and discuss the initiation of your financial relationship with
8 Hunter. You stated that you offered him money.

9 Did Hunter ever -- sorry. Can you say that for the record?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And you -- he never asked you?

12 A Hunter never asked me for money.

13 Q You mentioned -- you talked a little bit about this, but can you tell us again,
14 why did you initially decide to loan Hunter money?

15 A You know, these are complicated, emotional things, but I -- you know, I saw
16 a guy, you know, that was from home, could have been my friend. He was getting -- in
17 my opinion, getting the shit beat out of him by the world. I found that he had
18 danger -- you know, to my opinion, worrisome lack of support. And he was an
19 individual -- and I believe, and still believe today he's a very good person and a great guy.
20 And, you know, that's why I decided to step in.

21 Q You mentioned earlier that you hired Hunter -- you hired security for Hunter.

22 A Uh-huh.

23 Q Why was that?

24 A It was because he was -- you know, it was because he didn't have any
25 security, and people were literally invading his house. Paparazzi were literally chasing

1 him through the street, in his car. There's nobody driving him around. He's got
2 pregnant Melissa, and it was dangerous. I've been in a lot -- I have a lot of clients that
3 are high profile who have been -- you know, who get harassed.

4 Q So you're familiar with people who are in danger, and you know what you
5 need to do to help them?

6 A Correct.

7 Q And Hunter was sober at this time?

8 A Yeah.

9 Q Did you fear he would relapse with the pressure he was under?

10 A I fear that he will relapse every -- yes, and every day since. And I think
11 that's the intention of the people in the world out to get him. Because they know
12 getting him to relapse is the thing that will most upset his -- will do the most impact on
13 his father.

14 Q Is that part of the reason you offered him financial support. To help him
15 maintain his sobriety?

16 A Sure, sure.

17 Q And part of the money you loaned to Hunter was for basic living expenses?

18 A No, not really. It was -- it was I paid third parties -- I didn't -- you know,
19 Hunter has no money, and he hasn't, and I don't give him cash, you know. You know, so
20 I paid -- you know, I've loaned him money when things are extreme.

21 Q And you helped pay for his house?

22 A Correct.

23 Q Because he needed a place to live?

24 A Correct. And the price is on me because I wanted him to be in the right
25 kind of house.

- 1 Q And you mentioned that Melissa is pregnant at this time?
- 2 A Yes. At that time she was having a baby.
- 3 Q And did that impact the house you decided on for Hunter?
- 4 A Sure, yeah.
- 5 Q His need for safety?
- 6 A Yeah. Maybe a baby.
- 7 Q And a baby.
- 8 Do you expect Hunter Biden will pay you back the money?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q Why are you so confident in that?
- 11 A Because I'm confident in Hunter.
- 12 Q And there are financial consequences for Hunter if he fails to make
- 13 payments on time?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q A couple more questions.
- 16 Did President Biden ever ask you to loan his son money?
- 17 A No.
- 18 Q Did anyone in the White House or Biden administration ever ask you to loan
- 19 Hunter money?
- 20 A No. No one has ever asked me to loan Hunter money.
- 21 Q Did anyone ever suggest to you that you might receive any favor or benefit
- 22 from President Biden or his administration if you loaned Hunter money?
- 23 A No.
- 24 Q Did you ever expect you might receive any favor or benefit from President
- 25 Biden or his administration if you loaned Hunter money?

1 A No.

2 Q Have you received any favor or benefit from President Biden or his
3 administration for lending Hunter money?

4 A No.

5 Ms. [REDACTED] Thank you.

6 I'm going to pass it to my colleague from Ways and Means.

7 BY MR. [REDACTED]

8 Q Good morning.

9 A Good morning.

10 Q I want to button up a little bit the issue of the loans that you graciously made
11 to Hunter Biden for his tax liabilities, and some personal expenditures. There was some
12 confusion in the questioning before, not intentional, but some confusion about the
13 amounts. And I'm not going to ask you about specific amounts. I'm going to refer you
14 to some other evidence that's been introduced.

15 Mr. Ziegler, who was a member of the IRS, testified before the Ways and Means
16 Committee in December, that Hunter Biden owed and paid taxes for the years 2015 to
17 2019. He further testified that you loaned Hunter Biden approximately \$4.9 million
18 during the period 2020 to 2022 to cover the tax payments and the personal expenditures.
19 Is that basically correct?

20 Mr. Sullivan. Mr. [REDACTED] just to be clear, did Mr. Ziegler testify that it was Mr.
21 Morris who did that or a friend?

22 Mr. [REDACTED] I'm sorry. Mr. Morris. Yeah, Mr. Morris did.

23 BY MR. [REDACTED]

24 Q Is that basically correct?

25 A Basically.

1 Q Okay. And exhibits 1 --

2 A I'm not sure about the amount.

3 Q I know you're not, and that's what we're going to get to next.

4 The documents introduced as exhibits 1 and 2, which is the grand jury indictment,
5 and the colloquy in front of the court, in both of those documents, there were
6 representations, and I'm especially focusing on the colloquy before the court where you
7 were asked about this. It was information on page -- let me get my glasses here so I can
8 focus in. At 77 years of age, I need these glasses.

9 A You're a young man.

10 Q I'm a young man.

11 35 -- page 35 there's a reference -- in 34, there are references to amounts. And
12 you were asked before, without specifically identifying the particular amount, if that was
13 sort of -- if that was in the ballpark, that you basically agreed those were the amounts
14 that were paid. And my notes reflect you said, Yeah, basically I agree with this.

15 A Yes.

16 Q Okay. Good.

17 A I'll make one observation. You know, the court -- I believe the prosecution
18 was being tricky with the court and did not at some point -- these numbers are hard to go
19 through because there were penalties and interest.

20 Q Yeah.

21 A And at some point, they said -- they didn't mention that.

22 Q That's why I asked you. It was in the ballpark?

23 A Yeah.

24 Q Okay. And the loan agreements, as you said, were subject to written
25 agreements -- the loans were subject to written agreements with interest. You've

1 already testified to that.

2 You mentioned a balloon -- the notion, "balloon." Is that what you meant by the
3 default?

4 A No. I meant we have a date in 2025, and I believe the balloon means it all
5 comes due.

6 Q Yeah.

7 A I believe that is what it -- payments might start then. I'm not sure.

8 Q Okay. All right.

9 Do you recall, again, that the amounts of the loans that you advanced under these
10 written agreements were for both tax payments and some other personal expenditures?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Did you remit the Federal tax payments or have the Federal tax payments
13 remitted directly to the IRS?

14 A Excuse me. Which ones? What?

15 Q You had the payments remitted to the IRS?

16 A My payments?

17 Q Yeah.

18 A Yeah, yes.

19 Q The payments for Hunter Biden?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Okay. And this included State taxes as well on the loans. Is that correct?

22 A I believe so, yeah.

23 Q With reference -- with reference to the payments that you made, you've
24 previously testified this had nothing to do with President Biden, correct?

25 A Correct.

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2 [12:23 p.m.]

3 Mr. [REDACTED] In a recent Ways and Means hearing, one of the IRS agents testified
4 that he interviewed you, quote, "very briefly."

5 Do you recall being interviewed by the IRS?

6 Mr. Morris. Yes. The FBI -- an FBI agent and an IRS agent showed up in my
7 door with a subpoena in the Delaware prosecution, and we talked -- we talked briefly. I
8 don't remember talking to the IRS guy.

9 Mr. [REDACTED] Okay. Thank you. I have no further questions. You wrapped
10 that up nicely. Thank you.

11 Mr. Morris. Sure.

12 Mr. Raskin. Mr. Morris, I just want to nail this down clearly about the whole
13 emoluments question and whether foreign governments are involved here in any way.
14 You are not an agent or a lawyer for the Ukrainian Government?

15 Mr. Morris. No.

16 Mr. Raskin. You are not an agent or a lawyer for the Communist Chinese
17 Government?

18 Mr. Morris. No.

19 Mr. Raskin. You have not been used as a channel for foreign government money
20 to get to President Joe Biden through Hunter Biden?

21 Mr. Morris. No.

22 Mr. Raskin. What is your understanding of why you're here?

23 Mr. Morris. You know, that's a good question, Congressman. I guess, you
24 know, because of my relationship with Hunter and because there's a financial aspect to it,
25 I guess, you know. And, you know, that's --

1 Mr. Raskin. There's nothing criminal about your friendship with --

2 Mr. Morris. No.

3 Mr. Raskin. -- Hunter Biden?

4 Mr. Morris. No.

5 Mr. Raskin. Okay. And you articulated some common qualities and
6 characteristics you had with Hunter Biden when you guys met and as you were becoming
7 friends. And both of you have had very personal struggles?

8 Mr. Morris. Yes.

9 Mr. Raskin. Was that an important part of it?

10 Mr. Morris. You know, I think you just sort of incorporate that by reference in
11 your experience. And so I related to him on a lot of levels.

12 Mr. Raskin. Yeah. I think you likened him to your brothers or you felt
13 immediately a kind of brotherly connection?

14 Mr. Morris. I would say -- and I don't like to talk about this much -- but I would
15 say, yes, I have a very close relationship with my brothers. But I also knew that -- and
16 I'm the big brother -- and I knew that his brother had died, and that affected me.

17 Mr. Raskin. When you mentioned that this group of friends, brothers, were all
18 Irish Catholic, are you identifying that as just kind of a cultural similarity, or are you
19 practicing Irish Catholic?

20 Mr. Morris. Cultural.

21 Mr. Raskin. Cultural it is, okay. All right.

22 And is there anything you're not telling us about your relationship with foreign
23 governments that we need to know?

24 Mr. Morris. No, Congressman.

25 Mr. Raskin. Okay. Thank you for your attendance.

1 Ms. Crockett. Briefly, how many States are you licensed to practice law in?

2 Mr. Morris. I'm a big fan, Congresswoman, of yours. I just want to say that.

3 How many? I think California and New York, I believe.

4 Ms. Crockett. Okay. And it's my understanding you previously testified that
5 you were initially a graduate of the class of '88 from law school. Is that correct?

6 Mr. Morris. Yep, NYU.

7 Ms. Crockett. Is it fair to say that you've been licensed to practice now for
8 approximately 36 years?

9 Mr. Morris. Yeah. Yes.

10 Ms. Crockett. And in these 36 years that you've practiced, I'm just curious, is this
11 the first time that you've been pulled in to be deposed by anyone regarding loans that
12 you have made to friends or clients or anyone else?

13 Mr. Morris. Yes, it's the first time.

14 Ms. Crockett. Okay. In your 36 years of being a licensed attorney, have you
15 ever known it to be illegal to give loans to your friends?

16 Mr. Morris. No.

17 Ms. Crockett. Okay. And to be clear, you recently just testified regarding the
18 fact that some sort of law enforcement agents showed up to your home, correct?

19 Mr. Morris. Yes.

20 Ms. Crockett. And they showed up regarding an investigation dealing with
21 Hunter Biden, correct?

22 Mr. Morris. Yes, correct.

23 Ms. Crockett. And it seems as if, but I do want to make sure that the record is
24 clear, it sounds like you cooperated with law enforcement at that time. Is that correct?

25 Mr. Morris. Correct. I said hello. They came in, and they started asking me

1 questions, and I said, "I'm going to call my lawyer."

2 Ms. Crockett. Okay. And to be clear, do you have approximately a timeline on
3 when this may have occurred, this visit to your home?

4 Mr. Morris. Well, the investigation was started in the fall after the election in
5 2020. And I believe it was -- it was in 2021, some point.

6 Ms. Crockett. Okay. And to the best of your knowledge, there's documents
7 that have been handed around as relates to Hunter's plea. And I think that may have
8 been all that was really a part of the exhibits, had something to do with this plea.

9 But I do want to make sure that the record is clear. You have not been indicted
10 whatsoever by the Federal Government as it relates to the fact that you may have made
11 these payments on behalf of Hunter to enter this plea. Is that correct?

12 Mr. Morris. That's correct, yeah.

13 Ms. Crockett. And the Federal Government seemingly was well aware of the fact
14 that you had made these loans, correct?

15 Mr. Morris. Yes. Yes.

16 Ms. Crockett. And no one to date, now that we are in January of 2024, from a
17 law enforcement agency has indicated that there was anything illegal about what you
18 did?

19 Mr. Morris. That's correct, Congresswoman.

20 Ms. Crockett. I have no other questions.

21 Mr. Raskin. I just have one more question. And forgive me, Mr. Morris, but
22 sometimes things can get distorted in this process, so I just want us to be perfectly clear
23 as we can.

24 The numbers that I've heard today suggest that you may have made loans to
25 Hunter Biden somewhere in the neighborhood of around four and a half or five million

1 dollars.

2 If that were the case, I just want to know where that fits into your general
3 financial picture, without getting into too much detail.

4 I mean, if I were to make loans to my friends and brothers, whom I love, of
5 \$5 million, I'd have to sell my house, okay.

6 Five million would constitute roughly what, 50 percent of your total assets or
7 closer to 1 percent of your total assets?

8 Mr. Morris. Yeah. Congressman Raskin, I've been very fortunate in my life, call
9 it a lot of luck, and somehow made a lot of money. And that would be, I believe, I don't
10 know, less than 10 percent.

11 Mr. Raskin. Okay.

12 Mr. Morris. Less than 5 percent.

13 Mr. Raskin. Less than 5 percent. Very good.

14 Thank you kindly, and I yield back.

15 BY MR. [REDACTED]

16 Q I just -- I think you've testified to this already, but just to make sure the
17 record is clear, the amount of payments that were made for taxes were in 2021?

18 A Correct. Except -- I'm glad you're asking me this, because this has been
19 much -- there have been a lot of misstatements about this.

20 Q Sure.

21 A The \$190,000 payment was in January 2020. None of the rest -- and that's
22 10 percent of the money -- none of the rest of the taxes were paid until well after the
23 election in October of 2021.

24 Q Thank you for clarifying that.

25 BY MR. [REDACTED]

1 Q And just one quick follow-up.

2 Mr. Raskin asked you if there was anything criminal about your relationship with
3 Hunter Biden and you said no.

4 Just going a little further, do you think there's anything unethical or untoward
5 about your relationship with Hunter Biden?

6 A There is not. I've been an attorney in good standing for 36 years. I take
7 my reputation seriously. It's, you know, unfortunately, that's the way the game works,
8 you know. But for that, I'd be very offended. And, no, I have -- I have -- you know.

9 Q Are you embarrassed in any way about your relationship with Hunter Biden?

10 A Not at all. Not at all.

11 Ms. ██████ We can go off the record. Thank you.

12 [Recess.]

13 Mr. ██████ We can go back on the record. Turn it over to Representative
14 Biggs.

15 Mr. Biggs. Thank you. Thanks.

16 Again, thanks for being here, leaving California for here. I live in Arizona, and I
17 miss the heat.

18 Mr. Morris. Hate the Diamondbacks.

19 Mr. Biggs. I can't help that, my friend.

20 So some of the things you said spurred something interesting to me. So that the
21 Biden fundraiser that you were invited to wasn't your first, the one in Brentwood, I think,
22 and the tribal --

23 Mr. Sullivan. Just a point of clarification. Was it his first Biden fundraiser or
24 was it his first fundraiser?

25 Mr. Biggs. Well, first political fundraiser. Is that fair to say? Right?

1 Mr. Morris. Not my first rodeo, no.

2 Mr. Biggs. Okay. And then the tribal feeling that you felt about Hunter, and
3 you perceived he was in a lot of trouble, that was interesting to me.

4 And then that it was your idea that Hunter should be moved to a more secure
5 location. That was interesting to me as well.

6 And one of the things that I'm trying to get my head wrapped around, not that it's
7 necessarily important that I get my head wrapped around it, but I do want to -- I think
8 everybody would like to understand this. And you've alluded to it, but I just don't know
9 the mechanics of everything.

10 So there was a substantial amount of money that went out. There was, I think
11 you said, \$190,000 was the first payment to the IRS?

12 Mr. Morris. Correct.

13 Mr. Biggs. And there was roughly \$200,000 that went to payment for the house
14 in Venice?

15 Mr. Morris. Yeah, over a couple years, yeah.

16 Mr. Biggs. Over a couple years, right. And then there was the -- to get
17 right-sized on the Porsche there was \$11,000, I think it was?

18 Mr. Morris. I think that was the amount. But, yeah, that it was just --

19 Mr. Biggs. Something like that.

20 Mr. Morris. -- get him out from.

21 Mr. Biggs. And one thing that you said -- and you actually said this multiple
22 times, so I want to make sure I understand. You said Hunter never asked for anything.

23 And so the question that I'm left with in my mind is, how did you know, for
24 instance, that the IRS debt was 190 or that the Porsche debt, the financing for the car,
25 was upside down and there was \$11,000, or other of the payments that you said that you

1 lent to him, that you were paying directly to the providers? How did you know that
2 those were loans or that those were necessary at that time?

3 Mr. Sullivan. Mr. Biggs, let me just raise this, because a lot of this came through
4 the attorney-client relationship that Mr. Morris had. But I'm going to -- as long as we
5 agree that him answering this one question is not a waiver of the privilege, I'll let him
6 answer that.

7 Mr. Biggs. All right.

8 Mr. Morris. I'm not going to talk about anything I discussed with Hunter. But I
9 would -- I don't know. I was in -- from day one, I was in his life completely and I knew
10 what was going on, you know, all the issues, you know, from a lot of sources.

11 Mr. Biggs. Okay. So perhaps the most baffling to me then would be the IRS,
12 when you said he didn't ask that you lent him the money to pay off the IRS. How did
13 you know that -- what the amounts were that were owing?

14 Mr. Morris. We asked the IRS what the tab was.

15 Mr. Biggs. Oh, you did?

16 Mr. Morris. Yeah.

17 Mr. Biggs. Okay.

18 Mr. Morris. Somebody from --

19 Mr. Biggs. Somebody from your --

20 Mr. Morris. Somebody from my side, somebody from the Hunter --

21 Mr. Biggs. Within your law firm or just Hunter's lawyers?

22 Mr. Morris. I think it -- I think one of the other lawyers --

23 Mr. Biggs. Okay.

24 Mr. Morris. -- had come up with it.

25 Mr. Biggs. And so that got communicated to you.

1 So what was the mechanics of that? You were asked a question previously about
2 who was the remittance made to. I assume it was made directly to IRS, because you
3 said you never gave anything directly to Hunter.

4 Mr. Morris. Yeah, I'm pretty sure I wired it directly to the IRS.

5 Mr. Biggs. Okay. Would you have a staff person do that, I would assume?

6 Mr. Morris. Yeah.

7 Mr. Biggs. Okay. And so --

8 Mr. Morris. I'm not sure who did it, but --

9 Mr. Biggs. So somebody working for you. You've got people. You've got
10 people.

11 Mr. Morris. I've got people, that's for sure.

12 Mr. Biggs. Somebody that does that for you.

13 What is the current -- and the other thing that baffles me is when you said, quote,
14 and I'm going to quote you here, and you can correct me if I get the quote wrong. You
15 said, "I'm not good on details with money," close quote.

16 And so I'm trying to understand how this all worked out where you -- just the
17 mechanics of this thing.

18 So can you walk us through with more detail, let's say, the IRS loan? How did
19 that arise? How did you make the determination it needed to be paid? Did he tell
20 you, you know, he informed you, "Man, I've got this IRS beef," or something like -- how
21 do you find out about somebody else's IRS?

22 Mr. Sullivan. Again, I raised the issue of the attorney-client privilege and
23 attorney work product, but I will agree to let him answer as long as everybody agrees that
24 any answers to this line of questioning is not a waiver and does not involve direct
25 communications with Mr. Biden.

1 Mr. Biggs. Yeah. So I guess the -- okay, go ahead, if you can answer the
2 question.

3 Mr. Sullivan. Is everybody agreed to that?

4 Mr. Biggs. Do you agree with that?

5 Mr. ██████████ Yes.

6 Mr. Sullivan. Yes. Thank you.

7 Mr. Morris. Okay. Can you try it again for me?

8 Mr. Biggs. Yeah. How did -- I mean -- even when I practiced law, it would not
9 be normal for me necessarily to know about an IRS beef unless somebody told me that
10 somebody had an IRS problem. How did you find out about it in this case?

11 Mr. Morris. Again, Congressman, I was with Hunter all the time, speaking to him
12 all the time. I knew his -- I knew his problems from the conversations with the other
13 lawyers. And I may -- I probably heard -- I probably got the number from Latham, from
14 his counsel.

15 Mr. Biggs. So you -- okay. All right.

16 Mrs. Spartz. Did you ever have anyone directly urge you not to pay on the behalf
17 of Hunter?

18 Mr. Morris. Urge me not to pay?

19 Mrs. Spartz. No, ask you to pay on his behalf, actually like someone reach out
20 directly, not you reach out but they reached out to you?

21 Mr. Morris. No one's ever asked me to pay, or pay for anything for Hunter.

22 Mrs. Spartz. So you generally solicited that based on conversation, you would go
23 and try to research and figure out what you can pay? Is that a fair statement of the
24 process?

25 Mr. Morris. Yeah. I mean, I -- wait, say that again. I'm sorry.

1 Mrs. Spartz. So you generally -- based on conversation, you would pick up tidbits
2 here and there, and then you just go try to research and find what you can pay? Is that
3 how the process worked?

4 Mr. Morris. No. It was ubiquitous in our conversations what the various issues
5 were. And I know what they were, and I know when money was needed, whether it's
6 bills from vendors or, you know, the rent, you know.

7 Mrs. Spartz. It was generally your conversation like, "Hey, man, I have this. I'm
8 really past due on this thing." And then you're like, "Oh, let me go look for that."
9 Would it be fair, you'd try to pay? Just trying to figure out the logistics. Is that kind of
10 like that?

11 Mr. Morris. No, it's not really. Hunter didn't ask me. It wasn't like -- you
12 know, I was in everything. I knew. Hunter didn't have to ask me. But I'm telling you,
13 he wouldn't ask me, and it didn't happen.

14 You know, what you have to understand is, you know, my representation of him is
15 so global and complete that, you know, we didn't really need -- he didn't need to tell me.

16 Mr. Biggs. But you also have said that you had a tribal feeling, he was like a
17 brother, this was done on a friend -- you view him as almost like a blood brother, if I could
18 put it that way. Is that fair to say?

19 Mr. Morris. Yeah, that's fair to say. I didn't know if there was another part of
20 the question.

21 Mr. Biggs. No, I'm just trying to -- so the relationship gets really kind of blurred,
22 because on one hand he is your attorney -- you're his attorney, he's your client, you
23 know. You know, in California you've got some really specific ethics rules on like loans,
24 for instance, to a client. And so you view him as a client but you also viewed him as this
25 intimate friend, right?

1 Mr. Morris. Yes.

2 I'll just clarify, Congressman, that the California rules of professional procedure,
3 which I've looked at, there's nothing wrong with a loan to a client when the client is fully
4 informed and has complete knowledge.

5 Mr. Biggs. Yeah, I've read the rules in California as well, and I'm choosing not to
6 get into that right now. I mean, we might get into --

7 Mr. Morris. Yeah, because I'm right.

8 Mr. Biggs. We might get into it later, I don't know, but we don't need to get into
9 it now.

10 But I do want to talk about the loan for just a sec, because you've said that there's
11 a balloon payment due in 2025.

12 Mr. Morris. I think.

13 Mr. Biggs. That gets back to: I'm not good on the details of money.

14 Mr. Morris. No, counsel, I'm good on the details when I'm making a deal for a
15 client on money. Personally, I have an accountant, I have other people --

16 Mr. Biggs. Right.

17 Mr. Morris. -- that handle that stuff for me. I don't think that's uncommon.
18 And you know what, I've got a lot to think about.

19 Mr. Biggs. Sure. I guess what I'm saying is I haven't seen the loans, and I guess
20 we're going to find out what those -- we're going to get a list at some point.

21 But to enforce what you said, "financial consequences" is the term you used, that
22 there would be financial consequences if Hunter were to default, to enforce those you
23 would have to choose to enforce those. And that's where the rub would be, I guess. I
24 mean, it always is when you lend money to friends and family, having done so.

25 So, I mean, I guess as we sit today, you don't have to make that decision, but that

1 is what the rub is ultimately --

2 Mr. Morris. Well, I mean, you might -- you know, as any creditor, as any note
3 holder, if the provisions of default are -- you know, if they're in default under the note,
4 yeah, the holder has an option to enforce it.

5 Mr. Biggs. Right. And you could also issue an allonge. You could do any
6 number of things.

7 Mr. Morris. You could do any number of things.

8 Mr. Biggs. Any number of --

9 Mr. Morris. They can come over and wash your car for the rest of their life.

10 Mr. Biggs. Yeah. Or you can forgive. You can forgive it --

11 Mr. Morris. Right.

12 Mr. Biggs. -- which is what happens a lot of times.

13 I want to get back really to the fundraiser. It wasn't your first political fundraiser.

14 And generically, right? I'm not just talking about Biden. I'm talking generically.

15 How many fundraisers, other than the one that you were invited to in Brentwood,
16 have you been to before?

17 Mr. Morris. I don't know, ten, over --

18 Mr. Biggs. More than ten maybe, you say?

19 Mr. Morris. No, over -- around -- less than ten, but around ten.

20 Mr. Biggs. And --

21 Mr. Sullivan. Over -- it'll be over what point in time?

22 Mr. Biggs. Ever.

23 Mr. Morris. Okay, yeah.

24 Mr. Sullivan. Just wanted to be clear.

25 Mr. Biggs. Yeah. And donations to political -- politicians, you know. We hate

1 that term, but, I mean --

2 Mr. Morris. Yeah, I've made contributions throughout my life. But for a long
3 time, you know, there's a certain culture of fundraising in Hollywood, and I'm not a big
4 fan of it.

5 So I didn't -- the only one I really had a direct connection with someone. And
6 then it also, my -- you know, when I made some money I got -- I had more money to make
7 on campaign --

8 Mr. Biggs. Sure. Sure. Political action committees. So how much money do
9 you think you've given perhaps over, say, the last 15 years, 20 years, 15, 20 years?

10 Mr. Sullivan. Just to point out that that's all publicly available at the FEC website,
11 as well.

12 Mr. Biggs. Right. But he's --

13 Mr. Morris. Okay. So you can look at -- you know, we can look at that.
14 \$500,000 total?

15 Mr. Biggs. Okay. Okay.

16 Mr. Morris. Seven? That's what I would guess.

17 Mr. Biggs. Five to seven hundred thousand? Okay. And, you know, I'm not
18 going to hold you to that number, because we don't have the FEC stuff in front of us.
19 So, say, ballpark five to seven hundred thousand.

20 How much to candidates versus political action committees, for instance?

21 Mr. Morris. Boy, I don't know. Probably 50/50.

22 Mr. Biggs. 50/50, okay. Anything to the -- Barack Obama when he was
23 running?

24 Mr. Morris. Yes, I did 2,800 to Obama, or whatever number the number was
25 then.

1 Mr. Biggs. Okay. And so -- and I think you said you went to the White House
2 under the current administration, a picnic, plus two times, and one of those was the
3 wedding of --

4 Mr. Morris. Naomi.

5 Mr. Biggs. Okay, yes. So you did that.

6 How many times did you go to the White House under the Obama administration?

7 Mr. Morris. None.

8 Mr. Biggs. Did you visit -- have you visited other public political offices, you
9 know, political places of business before?

10 Mr. Morris. No.

11 Mr. Biggs. So this was like the first forays, it was, to the White House --

12 Mr. Morris. Yeah, I'd never been to the White House.

13 Mr. Biggs. Okay.

14 Mrs. Spartz. Would it be fair to say that you contribute mainly to Democrats?

15 Mr. Morris. No. A share of my money has gone to a PAC run by a Republican.

16 Mrs. Spartz. So you've kind of split usually, but for the candidate specifically
17 you --

18 Mr. Morris. You know, I -- probably more on the Democratic side. But I have,
19 you know -- Adam Kinzinger has a PAC. If you check it, my donations are to Adam's PAC.

20 Mrs. Spartz. But you said Republicans. Okay.

21 [Laughter.]

22 Mr. Biggs. We don't want to devolve too much here, but maybe the -- what do
23 they call it, the Lincoln Project or something like that? I don't know.

24 Mr. Morris. Yeah.

25 Mr. Biggs. Yeah. Right.

1 So the tribal feeling thing, I'm interested in that. I think that you -- in the
2 previous hour you kind of alluded to some of the feelings that you had there. But your
3 affinity with Mr. Biden seems to have been almost instant from the time -- not necessarily
4 at that first fundraiser, but when you actually sat down in that -- the follow-up meeting
5 that you all had.

6 Mr. Sullivan. And to be clear, you mean Mr. Hunter Biden?

7 Mr. Biggs. Yeah, I mean Mr. Hunter Biden, yes.

8 Mr. Morris. That was a very profound meeting, and it was, you know, one of the
9 most important meetings of my life. And, you know, at that time and until today it was
10 my belief that Hunter was being tremendously mistreated.

11 Mr. Biggs. Okay.

12 Mrs. Spartz. Did you also believe that all he was doing was a problem for
13 President Biden or candidate Biden at that time?

14 Mr. Morris. I represent my client. I represent Hunter. You know, other
15 people have -- there's other interests, whatever. I represent Hunter, and it was not
16 about -- ever -- President Biden or Presidential politics.

17 Mrs. Spartz. So you didn't believe that it mattered, his problems mattered?

18 Mr. Morris. I think you're asking me subjectively what I think, and I'm telling you
19 what I think. I represent clients. And, you know, a lot of, for example --

20 Mrs. Spartz. It's more than a client here, right? You also have a relationship
21 here. It's a little bit different than other clients with a business relationship. You also
22 did the personal things more than to anyone else, right?

23 Mr. Morris. Well, you can characterize it however you want.

24 I -- in what I do, I become very close to my clients, and I don't -- you know, and I
25 usually -- I almost always become friends with them. That's just the way I do it. You

1 know, some people don't think that's a good idea. That's just the way I do it. I'm in
2 their life. I'm in their corner.

3 Mr. Biggs. And I'm glad she kind of raised that issue, because this gets back to
4 something that I mentioned just a few minutes ago, because this is a struggle for me.
5 And it's probably because I'm -- I don't know. I don't know. Maybe I wasn't friendly
6 enough with my clients when I was practicing. I don't know.

7 But the line seems so blurred between you as the professional attorney with
8 Hunter Biden and you with this tremendous affinity, friendship, such that you talk to him
9 every day and --

10 Mr. Morris. I don't agree with the idea there's cardinality there. You know, I
11 don't think being a friend has anything to do with being a counsel, and I've been his
12 counsel since the first day we met. I've also become his friend. But, you know, you're
13 trying to make a distinction between the two, and, you know, I don't see it that way.

14 Mr. Biggs. I know. And I guess that is what I find to be very interesting about
15 the attorney-client relationship, friend-friend relationship that you don't see, that you see
16 it kind of as some kind of amorphous unity. That's the way I'm hearing it.

17 Mr. Liner. Excuse me for a second.

18 [Discussion off the record.]

19 Mr. Morris. Well, one thing I want to clarify is, you know, I'm a talent
20 representative in Hollywood.

21 Mr. Biggs. Right.

22 Mr. Morris. I've never done a time sheet in my life. We don't charge by time.
23 We don't charge by time. We charge by commission.

24 Mr. Biggs. Right.

25 Mr. Morris. Okay? So I just -- I just want to set that straight.

1 Your question, again, is amorphous -- amorphous --

2 Mr. Biggs. I called it an amorphous unity.

3 Mr. Morris. Look, Congressman, with due respect, I jumped into a foxhole. I
4 jumped into a really, really under -- heavily under attack foxhole. You become close in a
5 foxhole quickly. And that's -- and, you know, you don't know me, but that's what I do.

6 And, you know, if it's uncustomary or if it's some other people, I don't expect
7 anybody else to do it, you know. These are my decisions. And I am very
8 close -- became very close to Hunter. It was, you know, a client that needed 24/7.

9 Mr. Biggs. What do you do -- what do you do when you need to give specific
10 legal advice -- "don't say this, don't do this, do this, respond here" -- because this is what
11 strategically -- I mean, because you're going to have strategy as a lawyer. You're going
12 to have actual legal questions that have to be resolved.

13 How do you distinguish that so your client understands -- or your friend
14 understands, at that point -- this is now a -- this is now a real legal issue that you're going
15 to have to respond to, and because you also have ethical constraints on you and direction
16 just because of your position as his counsel?

17 Mr. Sullivan. You're asking generally or specifically?

18 Mr. Biggs. I'm asking generally. I mean, you know, how do you do that?

19 Mr. Morris. How do I do that?

20 Mr. Biggs. Have you ever -- have you ever done that?

21 Mr. Morris. Ever done what?

22 Mr. Biggs. Okay. Well, you've said to him, "Hey, look, we're buddies, we're
23 friends, whatever, but this particular thing is a legal issue, and this is -- as your counsel,
24 I'm going to advise you that this is what you need to do." Have you ever had to do that?

25 Mr. Morris. That's not the way it works, no, with -- with -- no, it's not the way

1 it -- you know, everything -- everything is friendship and everything is legal. To the
2 extent that there have ever been transactions between the two of us as private
3 individuals, we have made certain that those were well lawyered.

4 Mr. Biggs. Like the notes, like the loan agreement. That's what you're saying?

5 Mr. Morris. Yeah.

6 Mr. Biggs. Okay.

7 Mrs. Spartz. How do you communicate before the agreements with Biden that
8 you paid on his behalf? How did you communicate to Hunter when you didn't have
9 agreements?

10 Mr. Morris. You know --

11 Mrs. Spartz. Did you just email him, call him and say, "Hey, dude, I've heard
12 about it, I paid 100 grand"?

13 Mr. Morris. The taxes were --

14 Mr. Sullivan. Wait, wait. To be clear, again, we'll allow this in the context of
15 the loans and paying it.

16 Mrs. Spartz. Yeah, just with the loans.

17 Mr. Sullivan. But as long as it's not a waiver.

18 Mrs. Spartz. Right.

19 Mr. Morris. The taxes were always a thing I worked out with Latham or I got the
20 answers from.

21 Mrs. Spartz. But how did you communicate to him? You said as part of your
22 ethics rule you have to communicate to the client what you paid. So how did you
23 communicate to him?

24 Mr. Morris. That's with respect -- that's with respect to a retainer agreement, a
25 legal retainer agreement, right?

1 Mrs. Spartz. So you don't have to tell him anything that you pay on his behalf?

2 How did you communicate --

3 Mr. Morris. No, no, the loan --

4 Mrs. Spartz. Right.

5 Mr. Morris. -- is personal loan, and that's covered by the California rules of
6 professional procedure, you know, which prescribes what you can do with a client.

7 Mrs. Spartz. Right.

8 Mr. Morris. And you're allowed to --

9 Mrs. Spartz. But before you create loan, you said that loans were later.

10 Mr. Morris. What?

11 Mrs. Spartz. Before the actual paperwork happened, you know, you start
12 giving -- making payments on his behalf before you have an actual paperwork.

13 So how did you communicate with him what he owes you before that happened
14 at the early -- in January of '21, when you start making his payments?

15 Mr. Liner. Are you assuming that he -- that Hunter did not know this from
16 somebody else?

17 Mrs. Spartz. Well, I don't know. I'm just asking, how did Hunter would know?
18 How would know? How you know that he knows about it?

19 Mr. Morris. I don't really recall, you know. I don't recall. You know, he came
20 to understand those things, but I don't know.

21 Mrs. Spartz. But you never discussed with him --

22 Mr. Morris. No, I don't know what he discussed or never discussed. What's the
23 issue?

24 Mrs. Spartz. Well, I'm just trying to -- how do you do communications when
25 you're making this loan?

1 Mr. Morris. Everything I talked to him about is protected by the attorney-client
2 privilege, counsel.

3 Mrs. Spartz. Loans are different. I'm not talking about your professional --

4 Mr. Morris. I told you about the loans. I communicated through counsel.

5 Mrs. Spartz. So your counsel would communicate with Hunter --

6 Mr. Morris. Yes.

7 Mrs. Spartz. -- and let him know about everything?

8 Mr. Morris. Yes.

9 Mr. Biggs. So I don't -- I feel like I'm beating a dead horse, and you're probably
10 getting frustrated with me, and I'm not trying to frustrate anybody. I am actually trying
11 to understand it fully, because I'm not sure I ever had an attorney-client relationship the
12 way you're describing.

13 And that's why I'm calling it some kind of amorphous unity, where you said you're
14 basically a lawyer all the time and you're a friend all the time.

15 I'm trying to understand, when you -- how do you give legal advice in that instance
16 and make sure that you can impress upon your client that this is, you know, "I love ya,
17 you know, I'll do anything I can in the world for ya, but here's the legal ramifications of
18 something"?

19 Mr. Morris. First of all, the relationship between an attorney and client in
20 California is governed by the Rules of Professional Conduct.

21 Mr. Biggs. Correct.

22 Mr. Morris. The Rules of Professional Conduct allow for a lawyer to loan his
23 client money with full disclosure and everyone involved, okay.

24 My -- we'll go to my retainer agreement, right? My retainer agreement includes,
25 you know, whatever, admission to seek independent counsel for -- like all retainer

1 agreements. And I have a waiver, a conflict waiver of interest.

2 So we can debate what I've done and what I've said to him. We can debate, get
3 higher authorities to rule about what my attorney-client privilege covered or didn't cover,
4 you know.

5 Mr. Biggs. I'm not -- you've misunderstood me, and I've made you defensive,
6 and I'm not trying to make you defensive, because I wasn't talking about privilege and I
7 wasn't talking about the loans. I'm just talking about what appears to me to be this very
8 blurred line of legal --

9 Mr. Morris. I thank you. Thank you for that.

10 Congressman, I do a lot of things very differently than other people. That's
11 just -- that's just my style. I do all kinds of -- throughout my career, I do all kinds of
12 things. I've worked for people -- with people for free for years. I've -- you know, that's
13 not a customary arrangement, you know. I do a lot of -- I do a lot of, you know, my own
14 things.

15 Mr. Sullivan. Congressman, when you worked, what kind of law did you
16 practice?

17 Mr. Biggs. I was a litigator.

18 Mr. Sullivan. Okay. With corporate clients?

19 Mr. Biggs. No.

20 Mr. Sullivan. Okay.

21 Mr. Biggs. I did criminal defense and PI work. And so I did -- ended up doing a
22 lot of pro bono work myself, which my wife was never pleased with.

23 I'm going to turn it over to [REDACTED]

24 Mr. Sullivan. Okay.

25 BY MR. [REDACTED]

1 Q Can you walk us through a little bit more than you just did about what the
2 Rules of Professional Conduct say in California about these --

3 A Just that.

4 Q -- deals with lawyers -- or with your clients?

5 A Just that. The provision governing loaning money to clients requires full
6 disclosure. I don't know if that's a defined term or whatever. But that's been my
7 advice, that's my personal reading of it, and that's what I did.

8 Q Okay. If you wanted -- I mean, you're a wealthy guy, we've established
9 that, and congratulations for that. And it's within your right to give your money away.

10 What's barring you from just giving your money to your friend and somebody that
11 you consider a blood brother?

12 A Hunter wouldn't accept it as a gift, and I want the money back.

13 Q So you do have a genuine expectation that the money is coming back to
14 you?

15 A 100 percent.

16 Q And you think it's coming back in 2025 or --

17 A We'll deal with that in 2025. I'm the note holder. I'll decide how to
18 enforce my rights if it doesn't.

19 Q Okay. And genuinely, you believe if he doesn't pay you back and he's in
20 breach in 2025 that you may sue him for it or --

21 A That's my remedy under the contract, the promissory note is.

22 Q But what types of assets does he have that you could --

23 Mr. Sullivan. I would point out that, Mr. [REDACTED] that's speculative, because
24 that's another year or two.

25 Mr. Morris. Look, it's my business -- Mr. [REDACTED] it's my business judgment.

1 BY MR. [REDACTED]

2 Q Right.

3 A I have experience -- a lot of experience with business judgment.

4 Q Okay.

5 A I can loan money to whomever I want.

6 Q You sure can.

7 A You decide whether -- you know, if I loaned you money, I'd say, "Do I think
8 the guy can pay me back?" You know, in that case, I would say yes.

9 Q You sure can. I mean, critics of this arrangement, though, I think it's fair to
10 say, could ask the question, is this an illusory loan?

11 A Well, that's a legal concept that somebody can try to enforce. To me, it's
12 not.

13 Q Now, when you have loaned money to Mr. Biden, you've indicated that you
14 have paid the money to third parties instead of giving him --

15 A Yes.

16 Q -- the lump sum?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And do you recall, as you sit here today, which third parties? You said you
19 dealt with the Porsche. You said you've dealt with his residence. You said you've dealt
20 with his security.

21 Are there other components, as you sit here today, that you can remember where
22 you -- you paid for security, presumably, correct, before he -- before his dad was elected
23 President?

24 A Yeah. I loaned money. I didn't pay for anything.

25 Q Okay. So you loaned money, but the function of that took the --

1 A Yeah.

2 Q -- of you paying --

3 A As Mr. ██████ said, via loan.

4 Q Right. So security, the housing, Porsche, any -- any others that come to
5 mind? The taxes.

6 A The taxes. The taxes, you know.

7 Some of this is privileged, and I don't -- I'm not even going to say yes or no I paid
8 for something. I think, you know, the information in the indictment is generally correct.

9 Q Okay. Now, the art that you have purchased from Mr. Biden, how did that
10 work?

11 Mr. Sullivan. Before he answers, can I get -- because I know somebody had
12 asked the question earlier, what is this relevant to if he purchased art or not?

13 Mr. ██████ Well, that could be another -- you know, that could be
14 another -- you know, if it's an above-market payment for the art, that could be a question
15 that we're looking into.

16 Mr. Morris. What's your question?

17 Mr. ██████ Could you just tell us about the artwork that you have obtained or
18 bought of Mr. Biden?

19 Mr. Morris. I really like Hunter's art. And, you know, of course, he gets
20 pilloried for it and, you know, all kinds of things said to him.

21 The art is, in my view as an art collector, very good. I probably have over
22 200 pieces of art over the years. I take art collecting seriously, okay. When I -- and I --

23 Mr. Sullivan. To clarify, not of Hunter's art.

24 Mr. Morris. No. Well, you know, whatever number is of Hunter's.

25 When I -- when I -- I really -- I really liked -- and I like to support first-time artists or

1 starting artists. He's not a young artist, but he's a starting artist, I would say.

2 So I bought, you know, shortly after I met him I bought two pieces. I think they
3 were -- I think it was \$40,000 collectively, which is, you know, consistent with a
4 gallery-represented painter, you know, in general.

5 And, you know, with all art you have to -- you have to weigh the provenance of it,
6 what the story is, where it comes from, you know, it all makes the story better.

7 Mr. [REDACTED] And so when you purchased the art, did you pay the gallery? Did
8 you pay Mr. Biden directly?

9 Mr. Morris. He didn't -- I don't think he had George yet. So on that --

10 Mr. Sullivan. Wait, to clarify, what point in time, which art purchase, the
11 two pieces he just testified to?

12 Mr. [REDACTED] Correct.

13 Mr. Sullivan. Okay.

14 Mr. Morris. Those I just bought from him.

15 BY MR. [REDACTED]

16 Q Directly from Hunter Biden?

17 A Yeah.

18 Q Okay. And so you -- you gave him cash for that. That wasn't -- you didn't
19 deduct it from a loan or --

20 A A check or something, yeah.

21 Q Okay. And then what other art purchases did you have of Mr. Biden?

22 A Again, I bought a lot, which is common with a starting artist. If you get in
23 early and you really like them, a lot of collectors buy a large number.

24 Mr. Sullivan. Can I also just clarify, when he says a lot, he means like a specific
25 art -- it's a term of art in the art world, "a lot" of paintings, not just a lot.

1 Mr. [REDACTED] Okay.

2 Mr. Sullivan. That's what I meant.

3 Mr. [REDACTED] I'm glad you clarified that.

4 Mr. Morris. A bunch. A bunch, yeah.

5 BY MR. [REDACTED]

6 Q So you bought "a lot," a term of art?

7 A Uh-huh.

8 Q And do you remember how much you paid for that or when that occurred?

9 A I think it was -- well, the -- we negotiated. But it ended up being -- I think
10 they're right when I they it was 11 pieces.

11 Q Okay.

12 A And, you know, the price was 875, 875,000.

13 Q And --

14 A And that was because I thought -- I thought about buying a million dollars, I
15 wanted to grab a million dollars' worth, and then I cut it down to 875.

16 Q Okay. And do you remember how that was paid?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Okay. Can you tell us about that?

19 A So I negotiated, made a purchase agreement with -- or got an invoice from
20 the gallerist, which is common.

21 What we chose to do is I chose to pay Mr. Berges' commission of 40 percent, paid
22 that directly. And the balance of the 525 I haven't paid yet because of the -- my
23 advisers -- I'm discussing with my tax advisers and business people, and I haven't elected
24 how to characterize that yet.

25 Q Okay. What year did that occur in?

1 A '21, '22. Not '21. '22.

2 Q 2022. That tax year has already come and gone, correct?

3 A What do you mean?

4 Q The tax year --

5 Mr. Sullivan. Well, can I clarify?

6 Mr. [REDACTED] Yes.

7 Mr. Sullivan. Because it was -- the actual, I believe, purchase was in

8 January 2023.

9 Mr. [REDACTED] Okay.

10 Mr. Sullivan. And that the discussion started before that.

11 Mr. [REDACTED] Okay.

12 Mr. Sullivan. I know that it's January 2023.

13 BY MR. [REDACTED]

14 Q Okay. So at some point when you file your 2023 taxes you'll figure out how
15 to characterize that?

16 A Yeah, I've done the appropriate thing with my taxes, you know.

17 Q I'm not asking you if you think --

18 A No, no, but, again, the money hasn't been paid.

19 Q Okay.

20 A Hunter could sue me for breach of contract, you know. The money hasn't
21 been paid.

22 Mr. [REDACTED] Okay.

23 Mr. [REDACTED]

24 BY MR. [REDACTED]

25 Q I'm going to turn back to the loans, just go through a couple items, and we'll

1 dive back -- we're deep in loans again but just a couple items.

2 Did you also, via loan, pay for any D.C. taxes, Washington, D.C., taxes for Hunter
3 Biden?

4 A I'm not certain. I may have.

5 Q What about, did you pay any taxes via loan for Hunter Biden for any of his
6 corporations, such as he had Owasco PC?

7 A I don't think so.

8 Q It's publicly reported that Hunter Biden is going through lawsuits with prior
9 women who he had children with or was married to. Have you had to pay any -- via
10 loan -- any payments related to any of those proceedings for any of those women?

11 Mr. Sullivan. I'm going to interject here, Mr. [REDACTED] about if it's payments to
12 attorneys in connection with that, that would be covered by the attorney-client privilege
13 in our opinion.

14 Mr. [REDACTED] Let's take out the attorneys then.

15 Mr. Sullivan. Okay.

16 BY MR. [REDACTED]

17 Q How about to the individuals themselves? So Lunden Roberts, Kathleen
18 Buhle, any of those, have you made any payments via loan?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Approximately, do you know how much?

21 A No.

22 Q Regarding other benefits for Mr. Biden, has he ever flown on a private
23 airplane with you?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And approximately how many times?

1 A Four or five.

2 Mr. Sullivan. But let me also just say that this is out of scope of what we had
3 agreed to the topics. But I'm going to allow the -- I'm going to allow it.

4 BY MR. [REDACTED]

5 Q Okay. Have you ever loaned Mr. Biden any vehicles, boats, or an airplane
6 for that matter?

7 A No. I mean, what do you mean by loan, letting him use it?

8 Q Letting him use it for an extended period of time that --

9 A No.

10 Q -- that he would otherwise have to get a rental car or something along those
11 lines.

12 We've addressed the terms of the loan agreement, but I want to discuss it a little
13 bit more in the sense that, how many loan agreements are there?

14 A There's a bunch of notes, counsel. I just don't -- I can't remember how
15 many. My people take care of that.

16 Q Do you know what causes a new promissory note to be drafted?

17 A No. I assume it has to do with accounting and when -- you know, how they
18 want to -- whenever they want to do it and for whatever purposes.

19 Q Are you able to give a ballpark figure whether it's more than five, less than
20 ten, of how many promissory notes are in place?

21 A Around five, I think.

22 Q Do you know when the first promissory note was executed?

23 A I believe in 2020 or 2021.

24 Q Do you remember what time period in 2020 or 2021?

25 A Honestly, I don't.

1 Q Because of your answer of 2020 or 2021, is it your memory that that
2 promissory -- the first promissory note would've been executed in the latter part of 2020?

3 A Counsel, I said I don't know.

4 Q Well, you gave 2 years. That's why I'm --

5 A Well, I don't know. I don't know with specificity. I really don't. It was
6 four years ago.

7 Mr. Sullivan. And also, Mr. [REDACTED] we were discussing that I would be
8 providing the dates of those promissory notes.

9 BY MR. [REDACTED]

10 Q One of the terms of the promissory notes or loan agreement is that, correct
11 me if I'm wrong, that the -- Hunter Biden wouldn't have to begin paying you back until
12 2025? Or was it that by 2025 -- the full loan would be owed at that time period?

13 A No, there's a -- there's a date. There's a term, which is required for every
14 promissory note, as long as -- as well as interest, you know, as well as a legal interest rate.
15 The promissory notes satisfy those, satisfy those conditions. If you want to argue with
16 me about whether they're valid --

17 Q No, I'm really -- I'm really asking --

18 A -- we'll have to go to some other venue.

19 Q No, that's not what I'm doing. I'm asking, in 2025, this -- I'm going to call it
20 the maturity date for lack of a better term, because I don't have the contract in front of
21 me -- on that date, does Hunter Biden have to start making monthly payments to pay
22 back -- with interest -- to pay back the loan to you, or is the entire loan due on that date?

23 Mr. Liner. I think he's testified or stated that he believed -- believes it's a balloon
24 payment. It could be payments; he doesn't recall. But there's definitely payments
25 required at and around that time.

1 BY MR. [REDACTED]

2 Q And if you could tell us what you mean by balloon payment, because this
3 transcript, just so we're all clear, is going to go to a lot of people who don't know what a
4 balloon payment is.

5 A It means more than a monthly amount. It means a fixed sum, some
6 percentage, all, you know.

7 Q That is spelled out, though, in the promissory note, correct?

8 A Yeah.

9 Q I'm now going to show you exhibit 3, which is a memorandum of interview
10 prepared by Special Agent Joseph Ziegler regarding an interview with James Biden that's
11 dated September 29th of 2022.

12 [Morris Exhibit No. 3
13 was marked for identification.]

14 Mr. Morris. Where is that?

15 Mr. [REDACTED] You're going to get it.

16 Mr. Sullivan. He's going to get it right now.

17 Mr. [REDACTED] If you could go to paragraph 51, everyone. It's page 11.
18 It's actually going to be 51(c), which will be page 12. I apologize.

19 BY MR. [REDACTED]

20 Q Mr. Morris, do you want more water?

21 A I'm okay for now.

22 Q Okay. I'm going to read 51(c) into the record.

23 "Morris was helping RHB" -- a reference to Hunter Biden -- "a lot, but James
24 B" -- referring to James Biden -- "didn't know why. James B thought that this might have
25 been because of his ego. RHB asked James Biden to thank Morris because Morris

1 requested a thank you. James B had no understanding of what the team of people
2 means and has no knowledge of what Morris has done for RHB. James B was not sure if
3 there was a loan between Morris and RHB. James B thought that the money was
4 significant enough that RHB asked his uncle to say something to Morris and thank him.
5 James B didn't recall a specific discussion, only to say thank you 'on behalf of the family.'"

6 Mr. Morris, have you met James Biden before?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Approximately how many times?

9 A Three.

10 Q Where was --

11 A Four. Three or four.

12 Q Where was the first meeting that you can recall?

13 A First meeting was at a restaurant in Los Angeles in 2020.

14 Q Who else was there?

15 A Hunter and Melissa. Hunter and Melissa.

16 Q What was the reason for, if you know, James Biden being at the dinner?

17 A He was visiting. He was thinking about moving to L.A. Hunter and his
18 Uncle Jim are very close, and they visit each other.

19 Q Where was the second meeting?

20 A The second meeting was, I believe, at Naomi's wedding. I saw him real
21 quick.

22 Q At the White House?

23 A Yeah. He might have come up to my house around the same time that I
24 saw him in the restaurant.

25 Q Do you know why he came over to your house?

1 A He just came over with Hunter one day.

2 Q And then what about the third or fourth time, if there is another time?

3 A I met him at -- I saw him at Naomi's wedding. And I don't know if I've -- I
4 don't know if I've seen Jimmy besides that. I don't think I have. Oh, I saw him at
5 Hunter's art opening in New York.

6 Q And when you'd see him, what did you -- what would you discuss with him?

7 A Nothing. We discussed, you know, we discuss the Eagles and, you know,
8 I've met him with my brothers a bunch of times, and I did not have any substantive
9 conversations with Jim.

10 Mr. [REDACTED] why are you -- you don't believe me?

11 Mr. [REDACTED] No, you haven't been talking about the Eagles lately.

12 [Laughter.]

13 Mr. Morris. Oh, okay. Horrible. Horrible. Well, no, I think they should just
14 terminate the football program.

15 Mr. [REDACTED] Do you recall this incident that Mr. James Biden's referring to
16 where he thanked you on behalf of the family?

17 Mr. Morris. You know, in my conversations with Jim he may have said thank
18 you, but nothing else.

19 Mr. Sullivan. But to be clear, nothing else that you remember, or you don't
20 remember that?

21 Mr. Morris. No, other than pleasantries and like Philly talk.

22 Mr. [REDACTED] I mean, do you find it odd that Hunter Biden is asking James
23 Biden to go and thank you on behalf of the family? It's not a question of, "Hey, brother,
24 James Biden, can you go thank my friend on behalf of me?" Instead it's, "Can you thank
25 him on behalf of the family?"

1 Mr. Sullivan. Well, let me -- Mr. ██████████ this is a document prepared by a
2 third party. Nobody knows if that's what actually was said. It's being interpreted by
3 somebody else. So I don't think you can assume that that is true.

4 Mr. Morris. Yes, it's not a transcript. This is an IRS, you know, investigator
5 summarizing something. And sometimes they have axes to grind.

6 I don't -- I don't have any recollection of this at all. If Jim ever said thank you to
7 me, it was just personally, you know. This is a dry hole. There's -- from the family, no.
8 And if -- you know, I don't know what Hunter and Jim discussed.

9 BY MR. ██████████

10 Q And I'm asking your opinion. If this conversation took place where Hunter
11 Biden says to James Biden, "I want you to go thank Kevin Morris on my behalf for the
12 family," do you find that odd?

13 A No, they're -- not at all. They're a tight-knit family, and one person's
14 problem is everybody's, you know, in a lot of ways. They're like my family and most of
15 the Irish Catholic families, you know. They're very connected. And they also speak
16 often of, you know -- they -- when they talk about things they often talk on behalf of the
17 whole family because they're very close with them.

18 Q And based upon what I reviewed, I agree with you they're a tight-knit family.
19 And do you think that Hunter Biden and Joe Biden talk a lot?

20 A They do talk. And, please, don't misunderstand me. I don't mean that
21 people -- people who are tight-knit families, you know, get into specific things in these
22 situations. It's, you know, just sort of the way everybody is.

23 What was your question?

24 Q But here, it's not necessarily about specific things. It's more about
25 everyone's aware, as you're saying, you just knew that Hunter Biden was in a difficult

1 position financially, professionally, with his addiction. And so somebody had to come in
2 and help Hunter Biden while Joe Biden was running for Vice President.

3 And here you are, you come in with a lot of wealth and a lot of money, and you
4 meet him at this fundraiser, and all of a sudden, within months of meeting him, you begin
5 giving him, according to the Federal indictment from California, over \$1.2 million in the
6 first 10 months.

7 And so are you saying that you don't believe Joe Biden knew that Hunter Biden
8 was getting any money from you at all? Is that your testimony?

9 A I don't know what he knew.

10 Q Well, James Biden knew. James Biden is saying here you need to go thank
11 him from the family.

12 Mr. Sullivan. Again, that's assuming that this is accurate and assuming that he
13 knew. If you look even earlier on the document, he actually says --

14 Mr. Liner. He had no knowledge of what Morris had done for RHB.

15 Mr. Sullivan. Right. He had no knowledge.

16 Mr. [REDACTED] So why would he thank you? So if he had no knowledge, why
17 would he thank you?

18 Mr. Sullivan. Again, you're assuming that's true.

19 Mr. [REDACTED] What evidence do you have to counter this?

20 Mr. Sullivan. None. But what evidence do you have that this is accurate?

21 Mr. [REDACTED] Special Agent Ziegler has testified publicly. So are you saying
22 that Special Agent Ziegler lied?

23 Mr. Liner. Well, let me interrupt. Let me just say the following, because I don't
24 want to get into an argument about whether it's accurate or not accurate, because I
25 agree that we don't know.

1 Mr. [REDACTED] I'm not asking if he knows if it's accurate.

2 Mr. Liner. I understand that.

3 Mr. [REDACTED] I'm asking if his impression, if James Biden has been asked to
4 thank him on behalf of the family, does he find that odd.

5 Mr. Liner. Based upon the amount of time, energy, and money that Mr. Morris
6 has been loaning to Hunter Biden, do you think that's odd? Is that the question?

7 Mr. [REDACTED] That's the question, yeah.

8 Mr. Liner. Okay.

9 Mr. Morris. It's not odd.

10 Mr. Sullivan. Very speculative and hypothetical.

11 Mr. Morris. I can't remember what he said on behalf of the family. But it's not
12 odd and there's nothing wrong if he did say that. That's the kind of family they like.
13 They move as a -- they move as a family.

14 And I'll -- let me also say that part of my understanding from the very -- you know,
15 I have been around a little bit. My understanding from the very beginning is I could not
16 have any meaningful consultation with the Biden family whatsoever.

17 BY MR. [REDACTED]

18 Q Who told you that?

19 A Myself. I told myself that, from my experience.

20 Q When you say you have no meaningful consultation with the family, what
21 about their lawyers?

22 A I said my answer. You have my answer.

23 Q Well, you've had meaningful consultation --

24 A I'm not going to get into --

25 Q -- with Biden's lawyers, right?

1 A I'm not going to get into my conversations with lawyers.

2 Mr. Sullivan. Yeah. Like you're talking generally here too. And we're not
3 going to answer any questions -- well, depending on the question -- but any question that
4 is based on Mr. Morris' representation of Mr. Biden he can't answer because of the
5 attorney-client privilege.

6 Mr. [REDACTED] If you go to 51(g), just a little bit lower, it says, "James Biden
7 recalled Morris making a comment" -- or excuse me.

8 Mr. Sullivan. (f), you mean?

9 Mr. [REDACTED] (g): "James B stated that Morris thought he was very
10 knowledgeable 'politically,' but James B thought otherwise."

11 Do you know why James Biden would say that you thought you were politically
12 savvy?

13 Mr. Morris. I don't believe that he said it.

14 Look, counsel, this is not a transcript. These are the notes of a law enforcement
15 official, you know, trying to, you know, trying to get a case going. All you have to do is
16 watch one episode of "Law & Order" to know that that's not often -- it's not always
17 accurate.

18 Mr. [REDACTED] So you're saying you never had any political conversations with
19 James Biden?

20 Mr. Morris. No, I don't remember any political conversations with Jim.

21 Mr. [REDACTED] And can we just establish for the record that this is a
22 memorandum of interview for an interview that took place September 29th, 2022. And
23 as is noted on the last page, Agent Ziegler notes in it, "I prepared this memorandum on
24 over the period October 10th through November 2nd, 2022, after refreshing my
25 memory --"

1 Mr. [REDACTED] Are you disputing the accuracy of the -- of this memo?

2 Mr. [REDACTED] "-- from notes made during and immediately after the interview
3 with James Biden."

4 The Reporter. You have to repeat. I had two people talking at the same time.

5 Mr. [REDACTED] I'm just noting that at the end it says, "I prepared this
6 memorandum on over the period October 10th through November 2nd, 2022, after
7 refreshing my memory with notes made during and immediately after the interview with
8 James Biden."

9 I'm -- this is just -- I'm just reading from the --

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2 [1:39 p.m.]

3 Mr. [REDACTED] It's in the -- we've entered it into the record. So the notes were
4 made -- if we're going to -- we're going to pause if you want to maybe ask questions.

5 Ms. [REDACTED] We can pause.

6 Mr. [REDACTED] There were notes that were taken with this. So I don't know
7 what the point of that was since it's already in the record.

8 Ms. [REDACTED] I think the point is that this is not a contemporaneous memorandum.
9 That this was actually written down several days, actually a couple weeks after the
10 interview. And it says on the face of it that Mr. Ziegler had to refresh his memory from
11 notes. So I think, you know, it is -- it's as valuable as the paper it's written on, but it says
12 on its face that it's not contemporaneous. I think that's the point we're making.

13 Mr. [REDACTED] And I'm just making that point in the interactions or comments
14 that James Biden said X, and I just want to be clear that what this document says about
15 what it is and what it is not.

16 Mr. [REDACTED] There's also 10 people present here. And, presumably, Mr. Ziegler,
17 when he prepared this, he circulated, at least to the internal folks, to make sure that he
18 had it accurate, right?

19 Mr. Morris. No, we don't know that. I'm not presuming what Mr. Ziegler said.
20 I mean, it is signed by Mr. Ziegler and by another special agent. And I am just reading
21 the caveat that's noted above his own signature. I'm not speculating --

22 Mr. [REDACTED] We're getting a little bit --

23 The Reporter. Can we speak one at a time, please.

24 Mr. Sullivan. Sorry. For me as the counsel for the witness, I am just saying, the
25 questions are being asked about, based on this memo, that Mr. Morris has no personal

1 knowledge of anything that was actually said. If this is true, we just don't know. We
2 don't have any personal knowledge of whether this is.

3 Mr. [REDACTED] Fair enough.

4 Mr. Sullivan. That is my main concern -- questions about that --

5 Mr. [REDACTED] Jim Biden mentions --

6 Mr. Reporter. One at a time, please.

7 Mr. [REDACTED] Jim Biden mentions Mr. Morris. Here we're simply asking
8 questions to the extent you can answer it. Or if you disagree with it, you can tell us
9 what you can tell us, and that's where we'll be.

10 Mr. Morris. And counsel what I'm saying is, I do question the validity of this. I
11 do question a lot of it. Some of it sounds like stuff Jim would never say. But, in any
12 event, I don't believe -- you know, were it all true, I don't know where this gets you. Like
13 if, you know -- and I could be speculating about what Jimmy said in front of investigators,
14 you know, written down by the memo and not on a transcript.

15 Mr. [REDACTED] What it gets at is just facts. I mean, we're just trying to ask you
16 questions as fast as we can.

17 BY MR. [REDACTED]

18 Q But I do want to be clear, you're saying that you don't -- this conversation
19 never occurred based upon what you're saying here today with James Biden about
20 politics; you never discussed politics with James Biden?

21 A I don't know what you mean by politics.

22 Q Have you ever discussed politics with James Biden?

23 A What do you mean by politics?

24 Q Have you talked about Joe Biden's campaign?

25 A I don't recall, no.

1 Q Have you talked about any Democratic campaigns other than Joe Biden?

2 A I don't recall.

3 Q Have you talked about any type of fundraising for Democrats with James
4 Biden?

5 A I don't recall that. I don't know what Jim said, but I'm not confident that
6 this is accurate.

7 Q I'm going to go back to exhibit 1, paragraphs 43 and 44. Let me know when
8 you're ready.

9 Mr. [REDACTED] You are on page 14?

10 Mr. [REDACTED] Yes, sir.

11 Mr. [REDACTED] Thank you.

12 BY MR. [REDACTED]

13 Q Let me know when you're ready, and I'll read it into the record.

14 A Sure.

15 Q "Subsequently, an Arkansas court issued an order that the defendant," it's
16 Hunter Biden, "had until January 16th, 2020, to produce his individual income tax returns
17 for 2017 and 2018."

18 A Where are you?

19 Q Paragraph 43.

20 Mr. Sullivan. Not page 43, paragraph 43.

21 Mr. Morris. Fourteen.

22 Mr. Sullivan. Page 14?

23 BY MR. [REDACTED]

24 Q Page 14, paragraph 43.

25 A Okay.

1 Q "Subsequently, an Arkansas court issued an order that the defendant had
2 until January 16th of 2020 to produce his individual income tax returns for 2017 and
3 2018. The D.C. Superior Court likewise ordered the defendant to produce the same
4 returns on January 17th, 2020. The defendant missed both deadlines, prompting
5 counsel and the Arkansas case and in the D.C. Superior Court case to move for a
6 contempt. If the defendant were found to be in contempt, either court could
7 incarcerate the defendant for his failure to comply with court orders. On January 21st
8 of 2020, the Arkansas court issued an order that the defendant appear and show cause
9 why he should not be held in contempt.

10 After the defendant entered into a temporary child support agreement with
11 person one, the court continued the hearing on motion for contempt and gave the
12 defendant until March 1st of 2020 to provide the missing records, including his 2017 and
13 2018 individual tax returns."

14 So the timeframe that's being discussed here is approximately January of 2020.
15 I'd now like to show you -- we are now on exhibit 4, which is going to be an email
16 exchange between you and Troy Schmidt. Let me know when you're ready.

17 A I'm ready.

18 Mr. Sullivan. Let me first start by saying that there's an argument that this
19 document is attorney-client privileged, but as long as it's not considered a waiver, I'll
20 allow the questions about this.

21 Mr. [REDACTED] Understood.

22 Mr. Sullivan. Is that agreed?

23 Mr. [REDACTED] Yes.

24 BY MR. [REDACTED]

25 Q It's our understanding that on or about January 23rd of 2020, we'll give that

1 approximate timeframe, that you hosted a meeting for Hunter Biden at your residence in
2 the Pacific Palisades. Do you recall that?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And just for the sake of the timeline of when you met Hunter Biden, you first
5 initially met him in November of 2019, correct?

6 A I met him briefly.

7 Q And so by January of 2020, you are now having what has been described as a
8 crisis meeting for Hunter Biden; you held a meeting for him at your house, correct?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Do you remember who was at your house for this meeting?

11 A Not specifically. The meeting was because I was building a team for
12 Hunter, and his morale was very low, Melissa's was very low, and I wanted to have a
13 meeting and show them that they have a team growing and a lot of support. So, you
14 know.

15 Q So Melissa was there, too?

16 A Melissa Cohen was, yes.

17 Q Do you represent Melissa Cohen?

18 A I think so, yes.

19 Q You think you represent Melissa Cohen?

20 A Look, I don't know. I think I do. Well, I'll get back to you.

21 Q You can't say that you represent Melissa Cohen here today?

22 A Well, there's representing her through, -- yeah, let's say I do. If I am wrong,
23 I'll call you.

24 Q Well, your attorneys just --

25 Mr. Sullivan. He does.

1 BY MR. [REDACTED]

2 Q You are going to represent that you represent Melissa, in what matter?

3 Mr. Sullivan. It's my belief that he has provided her legal advice.

4 Mr. Morris. Oh, that's right. The retainer agreement was with both of them,
5 and I provided her the same kind of general advice I provide Hunter.

6 BY MR. [REDACTED]

7 Q So she's also on the retainer agreement?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Who else was at this meeting?

10 A There are a bunch of people from the real estate broker that was helping
11 him, or my friend from that to, there were lawyers there. Some of the people on my
12 staff.

13 Q The real estate broker, who was that?

14 A His name is Don -- what's his name? Don Ashton.

15 Q And you mentioned other people. Who were the other people in addition
16 to the real estate broker?

17 A It was lawyers. There were, you know, my assistant. Some of -- there was
18 probably about 10 people there.

19 Q Was Lanette Phillips there?

20 A I don't think so.

21 Q And so your real estate brokers, not a lawyer, right? Was that broker
22 under Hunter Biden's real estate a broker?

23 A No.

24 Q So what did you discuss then at the meeting?

25 A We discussed, I gave a -- I gave a talk at the beginning about where we are

1 and what we were going to do. And then Hunter being Hunter, he made a long thank
2 you. And then I kicked everybody that was not a lawyer out, and we had a business
3 meeting.

4 Q So the first part of this meeting, what was discussed in the first part before
5 you kicked everyone out that was not a lawyer?

6 A It's like I told you, the team gathering, and he said, Thank you. So the
7 people just came to the house. Nothing was discussed, but he just said thank you, and
8 then they left. Look, counsel, I was at that time very aware. And then today, it was
9 attorney-client privilege rules. We do not have anything substantive to say other than
10 thank you and me trying to give a pep talk. Then when we got to the point where we
11 wanted to discuss something, I convened a privileged group, and we had a business
12 discussion.

13 Q What was he thanking the real estate broker for?

14 A He was thanking everybody.

15 Q But for what?

16 A For coming together, from beginning to help him, from, you know, being the
17 only -- some people in his corner when he had almost nothing.

18 Q So you brought in a group of people, he thanked them, and then the
19 attorneys, they left, and then the attorneys had this attorney-client privilege protected
20 business meeting?

21 A Correct.

22 Q Lindsay Wineberg, did she work for you?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And what did she do for you?

25 A He is my --

1 Q Or he, excuse me.

2 A He's my long-time close business advisor and accountant.

3 Q He's not an attorney, correct?

4 A No.

5 Q And he is on this Troy Schmidt email, and he's not an attorney, correct?

6 A That's correct.

7 Q I think we're up now. I am going to wait and get into this when we come
8 back. So our hour is up. Thank you.

9 [Discussion off the record.]

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2 [2:48 p.m.]

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BY MR. [REDACTED]

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Q Mr. Morris, just a very few questions about the issue of State tax payments.

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You previously testified, as have others, that the loans that you made included payments

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for State taxes. Now, Mr. Biden, at some point, lived in California. Was California tax

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payments involved?

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A Yeah, I believe so.

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Q Okay. He also lived in D.C., we hope, obviously. Were D.C. payments

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involved, do you recall?

11

A I don't really recall the State tax aspects of this.

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Q Okay. Were there other States as well that you -- whether you recall it or

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not, there were other State tax payments as well?

14

A No, definitely nothing other than that.

15

Q Okay. The term Owasko -- actually being an Update New Yorker, I know all

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about Owasko and Skaneateles. What was Owasko? Do you recall what it was?

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A It's a corporation, the LLC, that Hunter used for a lot of his personal stuff.

18

Q Okay. And were the payments made for Owasko in the loans you made?

19

A I don't think so. Maybe -- I might be wrong.

20

Q But you don't recall?

21

A I don't recall.

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Q I think I'm done. Thank you very much.

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BY MS. [REDACTED]

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Q I do have a couple more questions for you about --

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A You said it last time in tandem.

- 1 Q I have an unspecified amount of questions for you --
- 2 A Okay.
- 3 Q -- about the art. So you talked about earlier that you purchased 11 of
4 Hunter Biden's paintings from his gallerist for approximately \$875,000. Is that correct?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q You said you paid Hunter's gallerist the commission that his gallerist was
7 owed?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q And that's about 40 percent of the total purchase price?
- 10 A Yeah.
- 11 Q And you mentioned earlier that you have not yet paid Hunter his share of
12 the purchase price?
- 13 A That's correct.
- 14 Q And your business managers and accountants are deciding how to treat the
15 rest of the purchase, right?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q What are the two options?
- 18 A I don't know. I'm not a tax guy.
- 19 Q So your tax guy is helping you figure this out?
- 20 A Yeah, yeah.
- 21 Q And you mentioned earlier that you could possibly offset the price off of the
22 loan that Hunter Biden owes you?
- 23 A Yeah, I think I can elect to take a consideration in various forms, you know,
24 and --
- 25 Q Or you could just pay Hunter in cash?

1 A Correct.

2 Q So is it fair to say that the options you have are taking into consideration on
3 the loan or paying Hunter in cash?

4 A That's what I think. I don't know what the tax laws say.

5 Q And your accountants and business managers are figuring this out in the
6 context of your 2023 tax return?

7 A All my tax -- yeah, yes.

8 Q And do you expect you'll defer to their advice on how to treat this payment?

9 A Absolutely.

10 Q I'm going to turn to a little bit of a different topic.

11 A Can I clarify one thing, though? I haven't paid Hunter any money on the art
12 sales, other than the 40,000 I paid him way back when. So, you know, Hunter can sue
13 me for breach of contract. But, no, he's had no income from this.

14 Q Did President Biden ever ask you to purchase his son's art?

15 A No.

16 Q Did anyone in the White House or Biden administration ever ask you to
17 purchase Hunter's art?

18 A No, no.

19 Q Did anyone ever suggest to you that you might receive any favor or benefit
20 from President Biden or his administration if you bought Hunter's art?

21 A No.

22 Q Did you ever expect you might receive any favor or benefit from President
23 Biden or his administration if you bought Hunter's art?

24 A No.

25 Q Have you ever received any favor or benefit from President Biden or his

1 administration for buying Hunter's art?

2 A No.

3 Q That is it for me. Thanks.

4 BY MS. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

5 Q I think you spoke earlier about how the Biden family is a close-knit family.

6 And I just want to get some clarity on what that does and doesn't mean. In helping

7 Hunter Biden, did you expect to receive anything from any member of the Biden family?

8 A No, no.

9 Q Did you receive anything from any member of the Biden family from -- in
10 connection with helping Hunter Biden?

11 A No.

12 Q In helping Hunter Biden, was your intent to help President Biden?

13 A No.

14 Q Have you ever asked President Biden to take any official action to benefit
15 your and Hunter's relationship?

16 A No.

17 Q To the best of your knowledge, has Hunter Biden ever asked President Biden
18 to take any official action to benefit your and Hunter's relationship?

19 A To the best of my knowledge.

20 Q When you became --

21 Mr. Sullivan. Wait, wait. You didn't say yes or no.

22 Mr. Morris. I don't -- you know, I don't know about conversations, but the
23 answer is no.

24 BY MS. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

25 Q To the best of your knowledge, the answer is no. When you became

1 friends with Hunter Biden, were you hoping to use that friendship to get access to his
2 father?

3 A No.

4 Q Have you ever discussed, -- I believe we talked about this a little bit, but
5 excuse me if it's repetitive, but have you discussed with President Biden any official
6 actions he has taken or considered taking on behalf of the United States?

7 A No.

8 Q Have you ever asked President Biden to take any official action on your
9 behalf?

10 A No.

11 Q Have you asked any Biden family member to ask the President to take an
12 official action on your behalf.

13 A No.

14 Q Has Hunter Biden ever indicated that he would ask his father to take any
15 official agency on your behalf?

16 A No.

17 Q Would you have any reason to ask President Biden to take any official action
18 on your behalf?

19 A Like lower taxes and stuff like that? No. Ways and Means is here, right?

20 Q Finally, to the best of your recollection, you have never asked anyone in the
21 Biden family for a thank you?

22 A No. I haven't.

23 Q That's it for me.

24 BY MS. [REDACTED]

25 Q I want to switch gears a little bit. I want to talk about the effects on you

1 were having when you decided to jump into the foxhole with Hunter Biden, as you put it.
2 Have you been subjected to threats or harassment as a result of your relationship with
3 Hunter Biden?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Can you describe some of what you've experienced?

6 A I've received -- I have received threatening phone calls, death threats.
7 There have been a lot of right-wing media, including The New York Post kind of, you
8 know, have ripped me apart and misrepresented things. You know, I -- this disgruntled
9 guy filed a simple claim letter to the California State Bar. And The New York Post said,
10 Kevin Morris faces debarment. Stuff like that. But I also had serious stuff from
11 going -- one guy in particular -- and I sued him -- this guy Ziegler -- and he is relentless,
12 and really just doxing and disclosing, you know, my addresses, attacking my family, my
13 brothers, my cousins, my kids.

14 He is just really -- and I'm not alone -- but I say, obviously, particularly. So I have
15 sued him for invasion of privacy, and doxing, and a lot of other things in the -- you know,
16 his motions have been unsuccessful so far.

17 Q And just to be clear, doxing means disclosing your home address and other
18 personal effects?

19 A Yeah.

20 Q As a result of that, have you had unwanted visits to your home or --

21 A Yes.

22 Q -- anything like that?

23 A Yes. Paparazzi stake out my house.

24 Q And have you seen talk online of people posting when you're home, when
25 you're not home, where you're going?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Sort of alerting people when you may or may not be there?

3 A They track my plane, so if I'm ever going anywhere, they put it out
4 immediately when I'm up in the air, and, you know, where I'm going, where I'm landing.

5 Q And as a result of everything that you've just described, the death threats,
6 the harassment, the doxing, the tracking your location, do you fear for your safety or that
7 of your family?

8 A Yeah. Sure.

9 Q I'm sorry.

10 BY MS. [REDACTED]

11 Q Mr. Morris, in the first hour, you were asked and discussed quite extensively
12 your reasons for helping Hunter Biden, and you said it was motivated by your
13 camaraderie with him and your almost brotherly relationship with him, not motivated by
14 politics. In providing this help to Hunter Biden, was it ever your intent to help Joe
15 Biden?

16 A I was helping my client because of his son, but I was helping my client. I
17 represent Hunter Biden. Period. That's what I do. I'm a lawyer for my client. You
18 know, yeah.

19 Q Thank you.

20 Mr. [REDACTED] We're done.

21 [Discussion off the record.]

22 BY MR. [REDACTED]

23 Q We can go back on the record. During the end of the majority's time when
24 we were talking, we were talking about this January 2020 meeting, and just to get back to
25 where we were, at this point, there was some sort of meeting where you brought in a

1 group of individuals, including a real estate broker and attorneys. And at the beginning
2 of the meeting, Hunter Biden thanks them, and then the non-attorneys leave the
3 meeting. Did I, at its high level, describe that, correct?

4 A Yes. Poor real estate guy. He was a very small part of it.

5 Q Now looking at exhibit 4, which is an email exchange, I'm going to start with
6 really two emails here. It is one from you, and then Mr. Schmidt responds. Let's start
7 with the bottom just to go in order. Could you say who it's from?

8 A This appears to be from me.

9 Q And what is the date?

10 A February 7th, 2020.

11 Q And the time?

12 A Well, this says 12:19.

13 Q P.M., correct?

14 A Correct.

15 Mr. Sullivan. I will just point out that the email addresses are blacked out, so we
16 can't actually tell if it was from his email. But pointing that out for the record.

17 BY MR. [REDACTED]

18 Q Well, did you produce documents to DOJ?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Did you produce this document from DOJ, do you know?

21 A I --

22 Mr. Sullivan. I was not his attorney on that.

23 BY MR. [REDACTED]

24 Q Would you be able to go back -- if this email is incorrect, or in any way
25 wrong, would you be able to tell us by going through your emails after this committee

1 interview?

2 A Sure.

3 Q Who is Troy Schmidt who is the receiver -- who received this email?

4 A I believe, this is a while ago. He is one of the accountants who was doing
5 Hunter's taxes.

6 Q And you mentioned Lindsay Wineberg before. So we don't need to discuss
7 him. George Mesires, who is he?

8 A George Mesires is a wonderful guy who was Joe Biden's best friend in law
9 school, who's a lawyer in Chicago, and was heroically helping Hunter before I got there.

10 Q Who is Shep Hoffman?

11 A Shep is an attorney friend of mine.

12 Q Is Shep Hoffman Hunter Biden's attorney?

13 A No.

14 Q And then Hunter B, that's Hunter Biden?

15 A Ostensibly, that's Hunter.

16 Q And the subject of this email is "Return," do I have that correct?

17 A Yeah.

18 Q Could you read the email into the record.

19 A Sure. "Emergency is offered today. Still need to file Monday -- we are
20 under considerable risk personally and politically to get the returns in. Sorry for the
21 pressure earlier. Please send the issues list ASAP. Thanks for all."

22 Q To begin with the first sentence, what was the emergency?

23 A You know, I believe that, you know, remember that the Trump impeachment
24 process was going on at this time. And, you know, they were waiving around the
25 possibility of calling Hunter, you know, right until the very end. I believe that it wrapped

1 up. I believe that was the emergen -- I believe that, you know, that was the thing
2 prompting us -- you know, this is about preparing his tax returns.

3 Q What would be -- can you connect for me the emergency of him being called
4 to testify at the Trump impeachment hearing with the filing of his tax returns. I am just
5 not seeing the connection there. Can you explain that?

6 A Counsel --

7 Q I can rephrase the question if you want?

8 A No. Again, I met this client. You know, I said this happens a lot. This
9 is -- no clients come in from addiction stuff on a winning streak. Okay? They usually
10 have tax problems, and taxes are the most important thing. So it's my custom and
11 practice to get the taxes straight. It's a part of -- that's part of recovery, making amends.
12 It's critical.

13 Q But what did you getting the taxes straight have to do with the Trump
14 impeachment is what I'm not understanding?

15 A I'm guessing. I'm speculating that that's what I was talking about. It's
16 4 years ago I looked at the calendar; what was going on there.

17 Q And you continue, "We are under considerable risk personally and politically
18 to get the returns in." When you say politically here, Hunter Biden wasn't running for
19 office, correct?

20 A Correct.

21 Q He was -- he has never been, as far as I understand it, a political candidate,
22 right?

23 A Correct.

24 Q So the only political risk that's at issue here is then-candidate Biden, Joe
25 Biden?

1 A I disagree with that, counsel. An individual can have political concerns if
2 you believe otherwise. Do only politicians have political concerns?

3 Q Well, what was the political concern to Hunter Biden then that you were
4 discussing here?

5 A There was a lot going on. There was an impeachment hearing.

6 Q You said personally and politically; you separate the two. So it's not just as
7 if he just has concerns when it is politically. What specific political concerns did Hunter
8 Biden have?

9 A Look, this is a general description of things. You know, I'm happy
10 to -- personally -- you know, again, there's no cardinality between these two things. We
11 shouldn't try to establish it differently. They work together. It's a quick email from an
12 attorney, asking his accountants to hustle up. And, you know, personally, he hadn't filed
13 his taxes. Okay? That's his personal problem. And then, politically, could -- you
14 know -- look, there was an impeachment proceeding going on. His name was and face
15 was everywhere in the world.

16 Q So it's your testimony here today that politically, that political risk had
17 nothing to do with then-candidate Joe Biden; that's your testimony?

18 A Correct.

19 Q When you say, "Sorry for the pressure earlier" to Troy Smith, what was the
20 pressure?

21 A The pressure is they were having a hard time finishing the returns, and I
22 wanted them done. Sometimes I get -- I get aggressive about, you know, things like
23 that. And so I think I had -- and like I said, I was sorry.

24 Q And then if we can go up to the top. Troy Schmidt appears to have
25 responded to your email on the same day at approximately 5:37 p.m. Do I have that

1 correct?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And I can read this in. "Kevin, thank you. We will continue to press ahead
4 with completing the returns and will be sending drafts later today for review by you and
5 tax counsel. In this regard, do you have a new address or PO Box number for RHB?
6 We need an address to use on his individual and corporate returns." Are there more
7 emails between you and Troy Schmidt than just these two?

8 A Not that I know of. Not that I recall.

9 Q And in this email, Troy Schmidt makes a distinction between you, and there's
10 an actual tax counsel, correct?

11 A Yeah.

12 Q Who is that?

13 A Latha.

14 BY MR. [REDACTED]

15 Q Have you been interviewed by any Federal authorities about the campaign
16 finance questions?

17 A No --

18 Mr. Sullivan. Well, what campaign finance question?

19 BY MR. [REDACTED]

20 Q That if the taxes were paid as a motivation to protect Joe Biden politically,
21 that could be considered a campaign donation?

22 A What's the question?

23 Q I think you answered it. It was that you had not been questioned by any
24 Federal authority.

25 A Not that.

1 Q Have you been questioned by Federal authorities about any other aspect of
2 your representation of Hunter Biden or your friendship with Hunter Biden?

3 A Other than the FBI guy who came to my door and started asking me
4 questions, and I was like -- who I stopped, no.

5 Q Was that in 2020, December of 2020?

6 A No, it would have been in 2021 or -- well, look, the investigation started in
7 December of 2020 after the election, right? So it would have been in --

8 Q The investigation started in -- well, it started --

9 A It was public. It was made public in December.

10 Q Okay. Right. It started in 2019?

11 A It started in 2016, but --

12 Q It depends which part it is. But there was testimony from the
13 whistleblower, the IRS, whistleblowers Kathleen Ziegler, that as part of a day of action in
14 December of 2020, they were planning on interviewing. And I guess the question is did
15 they make it to your house that day?

16 A Yeah, I think Shackley was one of them.

17 Q In December of 2020?

18 A Yeah.

19 Q Okay. I think a minute ago you --

20 A Well, no, I don't it was as quick as December. I think it was over into 2021.

21 But --

22 Q But you don't know?

23 A But I don't know. We can look at it.

24 Q That was the only time the FBI or IRS came to ask you questions?

25 A Yes.

1 Q Okay. Has Special Counsel Weiss' office attempted to ask you any
2 questions as a witness?

3 A No.

4 Q Are you currently involved in any litigation over the scope of your
5 attorney-client privilege?

6 A I'm suing that creep who -- okay. Other than that, no.

7 Q Other than that?

8 Mr. Sullivan. Well, your question was over the scope of his attorney-client
9 privilege?

10 Mr. [REDACTED] Yes, I'm just wondering if that's the subject of current litigation
11 outside of the Ziegler matter.

12 Mr. Sullivan. No, just that's the only lawsuit.

13 BY MR. [REDACTED]

14 Q Okay. Going back to the State bar rules, as I understand it, I think you
15 made this clear, but is it fair to say that the two key components, if you're going to lend
16 money to a client are that it's in writing at the time the money was disbursed; and to the
17 extent payments are made, they're made not to the client, but to third parties. Is that
18 your understanding?

19 A No, that's not my understanding at all.

20 Q What is your understanding?

21 A My understanding is -- I can go back and look at it. My understanding is
22 that the linchpin of that is disclosure, full disclosure. The client is fully aware of their
23 rights.

24 Q Okay. Maybe we'll make this exhibit -- I just pulled up the rule. It's rule
25 1.8 dash -- 1.8.5, payment of personal or business expenses incurred by or for a client.

1 This is exhibit No. 5.

2 [Morris Exhibit No. 5
3 was marked for identification.]

4 Mr. [REDACTED] Are you saying 1.8.5 of what?

5 Mr. [REDACTED] It's the Rules of Professional Conduct. California. Did I get that
6 right, [REDACTED]

7 Ms. [REDACTED] Yes.

8 Mr. [REDACTED] I need to get it to the witness.

9 BY MR. [REDACTED]

10 Q So paragraph A reads, "A lawyer shall not directly or indirectly pay or agree
11 to pay guarantee or represent that the lawyer, or his law firm will pay the personal or
12 business expenses of a prospective existing client." And then in B, there are the
13 exceptions. And for our purposes, it seems like one and two are the relevant ones.
14 You know, three relates to advancing costs for, you know, prosecuting or defending a
15 claim. And four is paying the costs. You know, that seems more appropriate for
16 personal injury work. That type of thing. So paragraph 1 under B, says, and this is the
17 exception, "A lawyer may pay or agree to pay such expenses to third persons from funds
18 collected, or to be collected, for the client as a result of the representation with the
19 consent of the client." Has that particular paragraph been implicated by what you've
20 done for Mr. Biden?

21 A Counsel, as I understand this, as I understand it, this is like taking fees and
22 costs -- I mean, taking costs off. I don't think it has any relevance to my situation.

23 Q So maybe two is the only one that's applicable?

24 A I don't know. I do know this has been public, and I haven't been contacted
25 by the State bar or any other law firm.

1 Q Well, fair enough. We're just trying to --

2 A There's probably a matter between me and them. Yet --

3 Q Well, we're not making assertions you have done anything wrong. We're
4 just simply trying to --

5 A You could have fooled me.

6 Q We're trying to just from a --

7 A I got it. I got it.

8 Mr. Sullivan. I will also point out that these rules are to govern the relationship
9 between the attorney and the client. And so, it's for the client to complain if there's any
10 issues.

11 Mr. Liner. And also just as he stated previously, these were documented, he had
12 retained lawyers. So I think it's really -- I don't know that he is going to be an expert in
13 on any of this.

14 BY MR. [REDACTED]

15 Q So is it fair to say they were documented contemporaneously with the outlay
16 of funds?

17 A No, counsel, as I've said before, the loans happened before the -- before we
18 papered it, as we say.

19 Q Okay.

20 A And if you want to, you know, they were still in effect, et cetera, et cetera.
21 If you want to -- you know, we can discuss it with a, you know, a decision --

22 Q No, I'm just trying to -- I'm just trying to sort out some of these facts. So it's
23 fair to say, then, that the promissory notes that were executed were later in time?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And do you know how much later in time?

1 A Like it was asked before -- I believe it was -- we -- I believe we papered it at
2 the -- you know, my accountant kept detailed records. And I believe, you know, when
3 did we paper the note? I think it was that year. Later in that year.

4 Q Okay. And which year was that?

5 A 2020, I believe.

6 Q In 2020?

7 A Yeah.

8 Q And then subsequently in 2021?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And --

11 A We had -- one thing that's confusing is that we had -- I put -- I signed a note
12 shortly after I started representing him, and I lost it.

13 Q Okay.

14 A But that -- I'll throw that out there.

15 Q Okay. And so, I know we're going to circle back with your counsel after
16 today and sort of get a roster of the relevant promissory notes. But to the best your
17 knowledge, as you sit here today, we're not going to hold you to it, you think you had
18 promissory notes for transactions that happened in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and so forth?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Okay. But you don't know how many?

21 A You know, I think it's around five.

22 Q Five, okay.

23 A But I'm not sure.

24 Q Okay.

25 A You know, they were split up for reasons that are beyond my pay grade, I

1 think.

2 Q And the -- you said your attorney-client relationship began with Mr. Biden
3 day one, the day you met him. That was in November 2019?

4 A Yes.

5 Q But --

6 A No, December.

7 Q December of 2019? Did the retainer agreement follow close in time?

8 A It followed. I don't exactly recall then. That was later in 2020, I think.

9 Q In 2020. And was there a particular reason you decided to implement a
10 retainer agreement roughly a year later?

11 A Yeah, because just hygiene-wise, we needed a retainer agreement. I'm not
12 very good about retainer agreements. And it was understood the agreement was there.
13 I papered it with a promissory note. And a retainer letter, you know, later that year
14 when, you know, some of the bombing started, so.

15 Q Okay.

16 BY MR. [REDACTED]

17 Q I wanted to talk with you about some of your, what I believe, are your
18 businesses that you've had or had with Hunter Biden. Are you aware -- when did you
19 become aware of Skaneateles, LLC?

20 A I think I had a general sense of his corporations and corporate structure in
21 the early days, in the first couple of months. I mean, that's a -- you know, that's a piece
22 of perspective that you have to have in representing someone.

23 Q What kind of company was Skaneateles?

24 A I mean, I don't know. An LLC, I think.

25 Q But did it sell shirts? What was it? I mean, what was the purpose of the

1 company?

2 A I think it's -- again, I'm not -- you know, I'm not to the point sure, but it was
3 an LLC and -- you know, I think it -- Hunter actually had a very simple corporate structure
4 personally. I think this was one that was for some purpose that I can't remember.
5 I -- you know, anyway.

6 Q Do you know what Hunter Biden's role was with Skaneateles?

7 A No. I think he was the sole, sole member of an LLC.

8 Q And are you aware of an investment fund Bohai Harvest?

9 A Yes.

10 Q What is that?

11 A It's a Chinese -- it's a hedge fund of Chinese Nationals, I believe, that raise
12 money to make investments in public-private, and infrastructure programs.

13 Q And have you heard of Jonathan Lee, the CEO of BHR?

14 A I've heard of him, yeah.

15 Q You never met with him?

16 A No.

17 Q And do you know what kind of investments that BHR makes?

18 A I knew better at one time. I remember going through them. I don't
19 remember exactly what they were. I think they were -- I don't know. I think they were
20 infrastructure.

21 Q But at some point, you were aware of the different types of projects that the
22 Chinese National fund was investing in?

23 A Oh, well, yeah. When I was reviewing the investment I was going to make,
24 I did it in -- as part of my diligence on evaluating that transaction.

25 Q Did there come a time when you took over the interest for Skaneateles,

1 which held BHR, the investment in BHR?

2 A The way I think it was, counsel, that I acquired, I acquired Skaneateles, which
3 as I understand it owned the BHR piece.

4 Q What else did Skaneateles own?

5 A I don't know.

6 Q Does it own anything else?

7 A I don't think so.

8 Q But sitting here today, you're not exactly sure what Skaneateles --

9 A I'm pretty sure it doesn't have anything else.

10 Q And does it sound right to say that Skaneateles held a 10 percent stake in
11 BHR?

12 A It sounds right.

13 Q So you currently own that 10 percent stake in BHR?

14 A Correct, through one of my corporate entities.

15 Q Which purchased Skaneateles, which held the BHR investment?

16 A Uh-huh.

17 Q Do you know when you -- when did you purchase Skaneateles?

18 A Was it -- I -- you know, in 2021.

19 Q How did it come up that you were going to purchase Skaneateles? Or why
20 did you buy Skaneateles of all the companies that Hunter Biden was involved with?
21 Why that one?

22 A That's privileged. I am not going to answer that because of attorney-client
23 privilege.

24 Mr. Sullivan. No, no, no, why did you buy it? Like what?

25 Mr. Morris. I'm not going to answer it.

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BY MR. [REDACTED]

Q No I am going to ask about your communication --

A The --

Q The communication is privileged.

Mr. Sullivan. Can we go off the record for 2 minutes of the --

Mr. [REDACTED] Off the record.

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. Morris. Counsel, can you ask the question again?

BY MR. [REDACTED]

Q You're fine. Back on the record.

Why did you buy BHR?

A I did the transaction because, you know, I evaluated it as a businessman, and I thought it was something that could be a very successful investment. I -- you know, but I did diligence on the assets. I knew what -- I knew what Hunter paid for it in the beginning, and I saw, and I still see upside.

Q What did you pay for Skaneateles?

A 157, I think. 157K.

Q So for Skaneateles in the 10 percent stake at BHR, you paid all only \$157,000?

A Look, I am going to do the best I can, okay? I thought it ended up being 157 in cash. There was also a payment in there for -- there was a \$250,000 payment for a loan. I can't remember if that's part of that transaction, but if it is -- that's what it does -- and whatever the -- I believe those two were combined for the purchase price.

Q So we publicly reported that in July and August of 2016, Hunter Biden received two wires. One was for 10,000, one was for \$250,000 from Jonathan Lee, who

1 was the CEO of BHR. And then there was another person who I won't name associated
2 with, who we believe is associated with BHR. You just mentioned that this deal, as I'm
3 trying to understand the structure of the deal, that you purchased for \$157,000, did you
4 also take on, I'll call it -- was it a loan from Jonathan Lee to Skaneateles BHR, and then you
5 took on this \$250,000 loan as well? Is that right?

6 A I really don't recall. There was -- I believe there was a second piece to it,
7 and it was the loan. I don't know if I put cash out for that. If I did, it was 400.
8 Whatever that number is.

9 Mr. [REDACTED] Sorry to interrupt, but just so the record is clear, the date of the
10 transaction? I heard 2016.

11 Mr. [REDACTED] It's July, August 2016.

12 Mr. Sullivan. Wait, that's the date of payment. That's not the date of Kevin's
13 transaction with Skaneateles.

14 Mr. [REDACTED] 2019, excuse me. July and August of 2019 are the two wires
15 that go.

16 Mr. Liner. You don't know when. Do you know when you actually bought this
17 interest?

18 Mr. Morris. No.

19 Mr. Liner. Could it be 2020? Could it be 2021?

20 Mr. Morris. I think it's 2021.

21 Mr. Liner. But you don't know as you sit here today?

22 Mr. Morris. No.

23 Mr. Liner. Okay.

24 BY MR. [REDACTED]

25 Q Would you be able to tell us after this interview when you purchased BHR?

1 A Yeah.

2 Q And for how much?

3 A Yeah.

4 Q Did you get a valuation of the -- I believe you just said you had due diligence.
5 Did you have a -- get a valuation of BHR by any third party before you purchased it?

6 A No, I did discuss it with my advisor, not a third party. But, you know, I
7 made a lot of deals.

8 Q With BHR you made a lot of deals?

9 A I made a lot of deals in general, counsel. Which, I mean, I can evaluate
10 things and value them pretty well.

11 Q Did you have a written agreement with Hunter Biden regarding the sale of
12 Skaneateles?

13 A I don't know. I don't believe so. Or -- I don't know. Probably, yeah.
14 Probably, it was the -- I would imagine I had to -- okay, yeah. The answer is yes.

15 Mr. Liner. You had legal counsel as well.

16 Mr. Morris. Correct. A lot of them.

17 BY MR. [REDACTED]

18 Q Does that contract allow for Hunter Biden to purchase back BHR at a certain
19 time point?

20 A That I don't -- I can't tell you, Counsel.

21 Mr. Liner. Meaning you don't know?

22 Mr. Morris. Meaning I don't know.

23 Mr. Sullivan. Okay.

24 BY MR. [REDACTED]

25 Q What are the payouts you've received from BHR since purchasing

1 Skaneateles?

2 A Nothing.

3 Q Do you know what it's value is today versus the time you purchased it?

4 A I don't have a current valuation, no.

5 Q Is there any concern of Hunter Biden needing to sell you Skaneateles
6 because of BHR's close relationship with China?

7 A I think that's privileged, but no.

8 Q You currently have a documentary film company, correct?

9 A I have a film production company, correct, with partners.

10 Q And are you currently conducting a documentary related to Hunter Biden?

11 A We're doing a lot of filming of Hunter as part of the preparation, or as an
12 asset to have in the event if it is required and legal things. We haven't decided yet if
13 we're going to sell it as a commercial documentary.

14 Q Whose we? We haven't decided?

15 A My collective. My partners.

16 Q Who would that be?

17 Mr. Sullivan. And Hunter?

18 Mr. Morris. No, he is not my --

19 Mr. Sullivan. No, but I meant, but --

20 BY MR. [REDACTED]

21 Q Who are partners on this particular --

22 A Do you want their names?

23 Mr. Sullivan. No, no, we're not going to give any information about the so-called
24 documentary because that's being prepared in anticipation of litigation in the course of
25 his representation of Hunter.

1 Mr. Morris. Look, Counsel, any time anybody's name is brought up in anything,
2 these creeps like Ziegler attack them, they attack their families, they attack --

3 Mr. Sullivan. Your lawyer.

4 Mr. Morris. Yeah. So --

5 Mr. Sullivan. Yes. My partners.

6 Mr. Morris. If you want me to give you the names and side hunters, or
7 something like that after this, that's fine.

8 Mr. Sullivan. And names do you have? It's partners in MCDC or in the
9 company?

10 Mr. ██████████ Yeah, for the documentary.

11 Mr. Sullivan. Well, again, it's not -- it's -- I wouldn't call it -- I know it's been in
12 the news, but we wouldn't call it a documentary when it's just materials being collected
13 for representation that may be used in the future after the representation.

14 Mr. ██████████ Or commercial purpose.

15 Mr. Morris. Yeah, it's not been decided.

16 Mr. Sullivan. It's not been decided.

17 Mr. Morris. We haven't decided about commercial purposes.

18 Mr. Sullivan. Anything. Nothing will be decided until after all the legal issues
19 are done because it's being prepared. The videos or whatever is for legal representation
20 and anticipation of litigation.

21 BY MR. ██████████

22 Q How many other documentaries have you put together for legal
23 representation in the past?

24 A For legal representation?

25 Q Yeah.

1 A What's that mean?

2 Q You're saying this documentary is for his legal defense of some sorts -- that's
3 what it sounds like -- not for a client --

4 A No, none.

5 Q So this is the first time you've put together a documentary for a legal
6 defense when you've never done that. All of your prior productions have been for
7 profit, correct?

8 A Yeah. Sure.

9 Mr. Liner. A lot of firsts in the last few years.

10 Mr. Morris. Yeah, especially with this particular matter.

11 BY MR. [REDACTED]

12 Q I am going to let [REDACTED] take over the questions after I ask this, but did you do
13 any filming at all when you were on the Capitol Hill on December 13th of 2023 instead of
14 Hunter Biden being at the deposition?

15 Mr. Sullivan. Again, anything with respect to the supposed documentary or
16 filming was prepared. And that work would have been done in anticipation of litigation.
17 And in representation of Hunter and attorney-work doctrine, and Kevin cannot answer
18 that.

19 BY MR. [REDACTED]

20 Q I think that is a very expansive view of attorney work doctrine and any type
21 of privilege.

22 A -- not even asking what the substance of was anything filmed or not filmed
23 on December 13th.

24 Mr. Sullivan. We're going to stand by that because we're not going to open the
25 door to all of that.

1 Mr. [REDACTED] I don't think that's a legitimate legal basis. Even in court, I don't
2 think that would stand. Do you want to go on with your --

3 Mr. [REDACTED] Stop the clock while they confer. I wanted to give you time to
4 confer.

5 Mr. [REDACTED] Go ahead.

6 BY MR. [REDACTED]

7 Q Is there anything you can't tell us about the purpose of collecting film?

8 Mr. Sullivan. Again, anything with respect to that documentary was done in
9 anticipation of litigation and in preparing materials for the representation of --

10 Mr. [REDACTED] I'm just trying to understand that --

11 Mr. Sullivan. So we're not going to -- Kevin cannot --

12 Mr. Reporter. One at a time, please.

13 Mr. Morris. Let me try it. I formed this company with, you know, when I got
14 mostly out of the law business with five of my best old friends, currently town
15 filmmakers, some of which I have worked with before because my goal was to make
16 documentaries, because for me that's about the best thing -- that's the best thing going.
17 So it was -- you know, it's in that regard that I have people together and we make films.
18 We're finishing a film about Adam Kinzinger. You're in it. And I have various projects
19 going on. I have a project about JFK conspiracy theorists.

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2 [3:35 p.m.]

3 Mr. [REDACTED] Okay.

4 Mr. Morris. So -- but, you know, there's nothing -- this one, there's the added
5 reason of, obviously, I haven't determined yet how I'm going to play it because there's a
6 lot of different -- how we're going to play it -- because there's a lot of different
7 considerations.

8 Mr. Liner. Including the attorney-client privilege.

9 Mr. Sullivan. Including the attorney-client privilege and attorney work product
10 doctrines.

11 Mr. Morris. Correct. And, therefore -- but the other thing I want to say is, it's
12 important to have, in my judgment, it's important to have a record of things that happen.

13 Everything Hunter Biden does, everything that happens to him, everything that he
14 could, you know, whatever, is manipulated, lied about, misconstrued, all to his great
15 detriment. So as a -- you know, as his lawyer, I want to have evidence.

16 BY MR. [REDACTED]

17 Q Okay. So you have things filmed for his protection?

18 A Yeah, sure.

19 Q In case there's a dispute about what happened, much like politicians
20 sometimes do when they have, you know, people tracking them?

21 A Exactly.

22 Q Okay. We're just trying to understand.

23 A Yeah.

24 Mr. Liner. I understand your confusion, but --

25 Mr. [REDACTED] Just confused.

1 Mr. Liner. Yeah.

2 Mr. [REDACTED] But I think we're good now. All right.

3 Mr. Liner. Okay.

4 Mr. [REDACTED] On December 13th, when Mr. Biden was originally supposed to
5 appear for his deposition, instead he spoke in front of the Capitol on the Senate side.
6 You were with him that day.

7 What can you tell us about the decision to proceed in that manner?

8 Mr. Sullivan. That -- you know, any -- that question is attorney-client privilege.

9 Mr. Liner. I think we can comfortably say --

10 Mr. Sullivan. Yeah.

11 Mr. Liner. -- that we're going to decide that's within the attorney-client privilege.

12 Mr. [REDACTED] Yeah. It also, you know, goes to the question of, you know,
13 obstructing our work, so -- and, you know, to the extent we're investigating an
14 obstruction of the committee's --

15 Mr. Liner. You can appreciate the one thing -- I'm not trying to stand on a
16 soapbox -- which is this is Mr. Biden's privilege. So we're not at the ability to be able to
17 waive his privilege. So you know Abbe's number. You can feel free to call him.

18 Mr. Sullivan. And Mr. Morris has an obligation to protect that privilege.

19 Mr. Liner. Yeah. He is not going to take any risk with that.

20 Mr. Sullivan. Right.

21 Mr. Liner. It's tricky. We would like to cooperate as much as possible. It's not
22 his to give.

23 BY MR. [REDACTED]

24 Q Did you have any role in booking the spot for the press conference?

25 A I don't even know what that means. But, no, I didn't have any --

1 Q Yeah. To conduct -- I can tell -- I can let you -- to conduct a press
2 conference on Capitol Grounds, you need someone to book it for you, and you need a
3 Member to be your sponsor.

4 A Oh.

5 Q And the question was, did you have any role with that? And I --

6 Mr. Liner. I think he's answered that.

7 Mr. Sullivan. Yeah.

8 Mr. [REDACTED] And you're saying you did not.

9 Did you counsel Mr. Biden on whether to honor the subpoena or not honor the
10 subpoena?

11 Mr. Sullivan. Mr. [REDACTED] that's definitely privileged.

12 Mr. [REDACTED] Okay. I'm going to ask a couple of these questions.

13 Mr. Sullivan. Okay.

14 Mr. [REDACTED] I don't mean to badger anyone.

15 Mr. Sullivan. Okay. I don't mean to badger you when I say that. You
16 understand, and I understand.

17 Mr. [REDACTED] Okay.

18 Can you tell us about your conversations with Congressman Swalwell?

19 Mr. Sullivan. At what point in time?

20 Mr. [REDACTED] In relation to the December 13th events.

21 Mr. Sullivan. That also assumes that he had a conversation.

22 BY MR. [REDACTED]

23 Q Well, Mr. Swalwell was -- did you have any communications?

24 A No, I really don't remember doing that. I do remember not talking to
25 Congressman Swalwell about, you know, this specific thing.

1 Q Okay. But, I mean, you guys arrived in a Secret Service vehicle together,
2 right, a Suburban? You all showed up, Mr. Lowell, Mr. Swalwell, yourself, Mr. Biden,
3 correct?

4 A Yeah.

5 Q So what can you tell us about your communications with Mr. Swalwell that
6 day?

7 A Nothing. I didn't even know we were going to pick him up. And, you
8 know, he got in the back seat of the car. Some joking stuff. I guess he was with us
9 because he's the -- is he the one that did the reservation?

10 Q He did.

11 A All right. Yeah. I don't know. That's --

12 Q Okay. We don't know what you know, so we're just asking you.

13 A Uh-huh.

14 Q That day, did you have any communications with any White House officials?

15 A No.

16 Q Have you had any communications with any White House officials at any
17 time?

18 A No. Read the press. I'm not very popular at the White House.

19 Q Okay. So you haven't had any communications with the press secretary?

20 A No.

21 Q Or any other White House staffer?

22 A No.

23 Q You were also with Mr. Biden when he joined us at the Oversight Committee
24 during the contempt proceedings on January 10th, 2024.

25 Mr. Sullivan. Mr. [REDACTED] that is outside of the scope. We never discussed that

1 being a part of the topic.

2 Mr. [REDACTED] Well, certainly we --

3 Mr. Sullivan. And it's getting late in the day. That's certainly one of the reasons
4 why.

5 Mr. [REDACTED] I just have a couple of questions on this topic, if you'll just indulge
6 me.

7 Mr. Sullivan. Okay.

8 Mr. [REDACTED] I think we can all agree that you were there?

9 Mr. Morris. Yeah.

10 Mr. Liner. Bring it on.

11 Mr. [REDACTED] When did you learn that Mr. Biden planned to make the appearance
12 on Capitol Hill that morning?

13 Mr. Sullivan. That's going to be attorney-client privilege.

14 Mr. [REDACTED] And could you help us with the rationale for that?

15 Mr. Sullivan. That is attorney-client privilege.

16 Mr. Morris. Someday.

17 Mr. Liner. If Hunter lets him.

18 Mr. [REDACTED] Is there anything you can tell me about the visit you made on
19 January 10th?

20 Mr. Sullivan. That's not privileged. I mean --

21 Mr. [REDACTED] When I say "anything," he can tell me.

22 Mr. Sullivan. I mean that is not a privileged communication or related to your
23 representation of Hunter Biden.

24 Mr. [REDACTED] Is there anything you're willing to tell us about it?

25 Mr. Morris. No. That's attorney-client stuff.

1 Mr. ██████ Okay. Is there anything you are willing to tell us about the
2 December 13th appearance? That was the original date when you made the --

3 Mr. Morris. No. That's attorney-client privilege, and I'm sure you wouldn't
4 answer it.

5 BY MR. ██████

6 Q Can I just ask a specific question about that?

7 Prior to the December 13th appearance at the Capitol Grounds, when did you
8 arrive in Washington?

9 A The day before.

10 Q Okay. So December 12th?

11 A I believe so.

12 Q Okay. And before the January --

13 A Maybe -- I believe so.

14 Q Okay. And before the January 10th appearance, when did you arrive in
15 Washington?

16 A I arrived, I think, on that Monday.

17 Mr. ██████ Okay. That's all, ██████

18 Mr. ██████ ██████

19 I think we're ready to go off the record here.

20 [Discussion off the record.]

21 Mr. ██████ We have asked for a number of different documents from you
22 through your client. We just want to make sure on the record that you are confirming
23 that you are going to provide us with the documents. We can send you a further email
24 compiling them so we're all on the same page, but we just want on the record that you
25 are going to provide them.

1 Mr. Sullivan. Yes. I said I would provide a copy of Kevin's statement, a
2 summary of the pay dates, amounts of the loans -- or the loan dates. We're going to
3 look for the February 7th, 2020, email exchange.

4 Mr. Morris. Okay. We'll talk about it.

5 Mr. Sullivan. And that's it.

6 Mr. [REDACTED] And promissory notes also.

7 Mr. Sullivan. We'll discuss the promissory notes. We said we would provide
8 you with a summary of the list that Mr. [REDACTED] asked for, but I said I would discuss the
9 promissory notes because we have to discuss with other people.

10 Mr. [REDACTED] And the details on the BHR, Skaneateles transaction, those too.

11 Mr. Sullivan. Okay. That one -- wait. Before we go, that one I have to discuss
12 as well, but I did discuss already what Mr. [REDACTED] had requested.

13 Mr. [REDACTED] And before we go off the record, on behalf of the chairmen, we
14 want to thank you for appearing here today voluntarily. I know it's a long day. It's
15 obviously not the way you want to spend any of your days. So we do appreciate it.
16 Thank you.

17 And with that, we're off the record.

18 [Whereupon, at 3:47 p.m., the interview was concluded.]

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