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COUNTY OF ORANGE - CENTRAL	L JUSTICE CENTER
DEPARTMENT CZ	23
LE XUAN KHOA,)
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PLAINTIFF,)
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VS.) NO. 30-2021-1201012
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NGUYEN DINH THANG; BOAT PEOPLE S.O.S	.,)
INC., AND DOES 1 THROUGH 100,)
INCLUSIVE,)
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DEFENDANTS.)

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- 1 SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024
- 2 MORNING SESSION
- 3 * * * * * *
- 4 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD IN OPEN COURT:)
- 5 THE COURT: WELL, THEN, WHY DON'T WE GO AHEAD AND GO
- 6 ON THE RECORD IN KHOA V. THANG. AND WE'LL START WITH THE
- 7 APPEARANCES FOR THE DAY.
- 8 MR. HART: GOOD MORNING, YOUR HONOR. HOYT HART FOR
- 9 THE PLAINTIFF, LE XUAN KHOA.
- 10 THE COURT: THANK YOU.
- 11 MR. VOSS: GOOD MORNING, YOUR HONOR. DAVID VOSS,
- 12 VOSS, SILVERMAN & BRAYBROOKE, FOR THE DEFENDANTS.
- 13 MR. ERIGERO: GOOD MORNING, YOUR HONOR. STEPHEN
- 14 ERIGERO, ROPERS MAJESKI, ALSO FOR THE DEFENDANTS.
- 15 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
- 16 ALL RIGHT. THEN I THINK WE'RE -- JUST
- 17 DOUBLE-CHECKING, WE'RE MISSING ONE JUROR?
- 18 COURT ATTENDANT: WE GOT 'EM ALL, YOUR HONOR.
- 19 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. MR. VOSS, YOU'RE ALL SET AND
- 20 READY TO GO WITH RESUMING YOUR CROSS?
- 21 MR. VOSS: YES, YOUR HONOR. I JUST NEED TO PULL THE
- 22 EXHIBIT.
- 23 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. THEN WE'RE GOING TO GO AHEAD
- 24 AND BRING THE JURY ON IN.
- 25 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD IN OPEN COURT IN THE
- 26 PRESENCE OF THE JURY:)



- 1 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. THEN GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND
- 2 GENTLEMEN. WE HAVE BEEN REJOINED BY ALL OF OUR JURORS. THANK
- 3 YOU VERY MUCH. AND WE'LL GIVE YOU A SECOND TO GET SETTLED IN,
- 4 AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO DIVE RIGHT BACK IN WITH THE DEFENSE
- 5 QUESTIONING OF THE PLAINTIFF.
- 6 MR. VOSS: YES. GOOD MORNING, YOUR HONOR.
- 7 PICKING UP WHERE WE LEFT OFF, WE, I BELIEVE,
- 8 HAD 234 UP ON THE SCREEN.
- 9 THE COURT: CORRECT. EXHIBIT 234 WAS -- IT MAY BE
- 10 PUBLISHED.
- 11 (DOCUMENT PUBLISHED.)
- 12 MR. VOSS: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.
- 13 CROSS-EXAMINATION RESUMED
- 14 BY MR. VOSS:
- 15 O I BELIEVE WE LEFT OFF WITH ASKING THE WITNESS,
- 16 WITH RESPECT TO THE STATEMENT, THE FIRST SENTENCE IN
- 17 PARAGRAPH 5, WHICH SAYS, "MR. KHOA'S SELF-PROMOTION AS A
- 18 PH.D.," IS IT CORRECT TO SAY THAT THAT'S A STATEMENT BY
- 19 CONGRESSMAN DORNAN?
- 20 MR. HART: OBJECTION. ASKED AND ANSWERED.
- 21 MISCHARACTERIZES THE TESTIMONY.
- 22 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. AND SO I'LL OVERRULE. WE
- 23 COVERED A LOT OF THAT ON THE RECORD YESTERDAY.
- 24 SO YOU MAY RESPOND AGAIN TO THAT SPECIFIC
- 25 QUESTION.
- 26 THE WITNESS: SO THE QUESTION IS?



- 1 THE COURT: THE QUESTION IS THAT ON THE APRIL 30TH,
- 2 1996, LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN DORNAN'S OFFICE, THE PARAGRAPH
- 3 AT THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 5 THAT STARTS WITH THE NUMBER -- BOTTOM
- 4 OF PAGE 1 THAT STARTS WITH THE NUMBER 5, THAT FIRST SENTENCE
- 5 RELATING TO THE PH.D. COMMENT, THAT WAS A STATEMENT BY
- 6 CONGRESSMAN DORNAN AS THE AUTHOR OF THE LETTER; IS THAT
- 7 CORRECT?
- 8 THE WITNESS: I DON'T KNOW -- I DON'T THINK THAT
- 9 DORNAN WHO AUTHORED THAT LETTER. AND HE DIDN'T SPEAK ANYTHING
- 10 ABOUT PH.D. OR WHAT, NOTHING. I DON'T THINK THAT HE -- YEAH,
- 11 THE PARAGRAPH ABOUT -- YEAH, THAT'S THE PEOPLE WHO REFER TO
- 12 HIM AS I HAVE A PH.D., A SELF-PROMOTION AS PH.D. SO THIS IS
- 13 NOT FROM HIM BUT FROM OTHER PEOPLE. OKAY.
- 14 BY MR. VOSS:
- 15 Q ALL RIGHT, THEN. IF I COULD ASK YOU TO SCROLL
- 16 TO THE TOP OF THE PAGE, FIRST.
- 17 AND DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THIS LETTER IS ON
- 18 THE OFFICIAL LETTERHEAD OF CONGRESSMAN ROBERT K. DORNAN ON
- 19 APRIL 30, 1996?
- 20 A YES, THAT'S OFFICIAL.
- 21 Q SCROLL TO THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 2.
- 22 AND ON THE LAST PAGE, YOU SEE THE SIGNATURE OF
- 23 ROBERT DORNAN ON THE LETTER?
- 24 A YES, I SAW THE SIGNATURE OF MR. DORNAN.
- 25 Q SO WE HAVE A STATEMENT, "MR. KHOA'S
- 26 SELF-PROMOTION AS PH.D.," ON OFFICIAL CONGRESSIONAL LETTERHEAD



- 1 SIGNED BY THE CONGRESSMAN.
- 2 DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN GIVE US TO
- 3 SHOW THAT THIS STATEMENT WAS MADE BY DR. THANG?
- 4 A YOU JUST SAID THAT OTHER PEOPLE FROM THERE.
- 5 THAT MEANS -- YEAH.
- 6 Q OKAY. IS -- HAVE -- CAN YOU -- OR STRIKE THAT.
- 7 ISN'T IT TRUE THAT IN NO WRITING DID DR. THANG
- 8 EVER SAY THAT YOU HAD A PH.D.?
- 9 A I HAVE NO ANSWER. I CAN'T SAY THAT.
- 10 Q IT'S CORRECT BECAUSE HE NEVER DID SAY THAT YOU
- 11 HAD A PH.D. EVER; RIGHT?
- 12 A I DON'T KNOW.
- 13 Q SO THE PERSON WHO DID IS THE CONGRESSMAN, NOT
- 14 THE DEFENDANT; RIGHT?
- 15 MR. HART: OBJECTION. MISCHARACTERIZES TESTIMONY --
- 16 OR THE EXHIBIT, RATHER. SORRY.
- 17 THE COURT: WAIT. MR. KHOA, HOLD ON.
- 18 SUSTAINED, IF YOU WANT TO REPHRASE.
- 19 BY MR. VOSS:
- 20 Q OKAY. THE LETTER FROM THE CONGRESSMAN
- 21 REFERENCES YOU HAVING SELF-PROMOTED AS A PH.D.; RIGHT?
- 22 A THE LETTER SAY THAT, BUT --
- Q OKAY. SO LET'S MOVE TO THE NEXT SENTENCE OF --
- 24 A -- OTHER PEOPLE.
- 25 THE REPORTER: I'M SORRY. YOU'RE TALKING OVER EACH
- 26 OTHER.



- 1 MR. VOSS: I THOUGHT HE WAS DONE WHEN HE SAID "YES."
- THE COURT: AGAIN, MR. HART WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY
- 3 TO DO ANY FOLLOW-UP WITH YOU, PROFESSOR.
- 4 BY MR. VOSS:
- 5 Q SO LET'S GO BACK TO THE PARAGRAPH 5 AGAIN, ON
- 6 THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 1, PLEASE.
- 7 SO MOVING TO THE NEXT SENTENCE THERE IT SAYS:
- 8 "HOWEVER, HE RECENTLY ADMITTED THAT HE DOES NOT HAVE SUCH A
- 9 DEGREE."
- 10 DO YOU SEE THAT?
- 11 A NO, I HAVE NOT ADMITTED AT ALL, SO I DON'T KNOW
- 12 WHY --
- 13 Q SO YOU DISAGREE WITH THE CONGRESSMAN; CORRECT?
- 14 A I DISAGREE WITH --
- 15 O BUT THIS IS WHAT THE CONGRESSMAN STATED ON HIS
- 16 LETTERHEAD AND SIGNED IT; THAT YOU ADMITTED THAT YOU DIDN'T
- 17 HAVE SUCH A DEGREE; RIGHT?
- 18 A I DID NOT ADMIT IT.
- 19 Q MR. KHOA, THE STATEMENT THAT IS THE ONLY BASIS
- 20 FOR US TO LOOK AT FOR WHETHER OR NOT MY CLIENT IS RESPONSIBLE
- 21 FOR DEFAMING YOU SAYS: "MR. KHOA FALSELY CLAIMED HE HELD A
- 22 DOCTORAL DEGREE IN THE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE
- 23 DEPARTMENT OF STATE."
- 24 ISN'T IT TRUE TO SAY THAT THE CONGRESSMAN IS
- 25 THE ONE THAT MADE THAT STATEMENT BY MEANS OF THIS LETTER?
- 26 MR. HART: OBJECTION. MISCHARACTERIZES THE EXHIBIT.



- 1 THE COURT: OVERRULED. THAT WILL BE FOR THE JURY TO
- 2 READ AND DECIDE EVERYTHING.
- 3 YOU MAY RESPOND, SIR.
- 4 THE WITNESS: OKAY. I SAY THAT I DID NOT ADMIT THAT
- 5 I DON'T HAVE IT, BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE IT. OKAY? I'M -- I
- 6 DON'T HAVE ANYTHING LIKE PH.D. OKAY. BUT I DON'T ADMIT TO
- 7 ANYBODY --
- 8 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. MOVE TO STRIKE AS
- 9 NONRESPONSIVE.
- 10 THE COURT: JUST HOLD ON, MR. KHOA.
- 11 THAT WOULD BE -- WAIT, MR. KHOA, IF YOU WOULD,
- 12 PLEASE.
- 13 THAT WILL BE GRANTED. THAT LAST RESPONSE WILL
- 14 BE STRICKEN.
- 15 AGAIN, THE OUESTION IS FOCUSED MORE ON THIS
- 16 LETTER AND WHO MADE THE STATEMENTS OR WROTE THE STATEMENTS IN
- 17 THE LETTER, NOT NECESSARILY WHETHER THEY ARE TRUE STATEMENTS.
- 18 THE FOCUS OF THIS QUESTION IS, AGAIN, WHO IS MAKING THE
- 19 STATEMENTS IN THIS LETTER.
- 20 SO WITH THAT FOCUS, MR. VOSS IS GOING TO ASK
- 21 YOU THE QUESTION ONE MORE TIME.
- 22 BY MR. VOSS:
- 23 Q SO AND, AGAIN, THE STATEMENT, AND ONLY THAT
- 24 STATEMENT THAT CAN BE THE BASIS FOR A FINDING OF DEFAMATION IN
- 25 THIS CASE --
- 26 MR. HART: I'M GOING TO OBJECT TO THAT, YOUR HONOR.



- 1 THAT'S -- HE'S MIXED IN THE --
- THE COURT: WELL, THIS -- WAIT. WAIT. RIGHT
- 3 THERE. LET'S TRY AGAIN IN OUR WORDING.
- 4 BY MR. VOSS:
- 5 Q THAT STATEMENT DRAWN ON THE BOARD BY YOUR
- 6 ATTORNEY THAT SAYS THAT "MR. KHOA FALSELY CLAIMED HE HELD A
- 7 DOCTORAL DEGREE" IS SUPPORTED BY THIS STATEMENT OF THE
- 8 CONGRESSMAN'S LETTER ON APRIL 30, 1996; ISN'T IT?
- 9 A THE FACT IS THAT THERE WAS NO INVESTIGATION. I
- 10 WAS NOT INVESTIGATED. SO ...
- 11 Q SO, NOW, IS IT CORRECT TO SAY THAT YOU DON'T
- 12 LIKE OR DISAGREE WITH WHAT CONGRESSMAN SMITH HAD TO SAY, AND
- 13 NOW WE HAVE A SECOND CONGRESSMAN THAT YOU ALSO DISAGREE WITH?
- 14 A YEAH, BECAUSE THE CONGRESSMAN KEEP SAYING THAT
- 15 HE GET THE INFORMATION FROM OTHER PEOPLE.
- 16 Q OKAY. LET'S GO TO THE LAST SENTENCE.
- 17 A AND I WAS NOT INVESTIGATED.
- 18 Q OKAY. YOU WEREN'T INVESTIGATED.
- 19 LET'S GO TO THE LAST SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 5:
- 20 "HIS MISREPRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS MAY HAVE
- 21 RESULTED IN HIS RECEIVING STATE DEPARTMENT GRANTS OVER
- 22 COMPETING APPLICANTS."
- 23 NOW, I WANT TO BREAK THAT DOWN INTO ITS TWO
- 24 PARTS. THE FIRST PART, "HIS MISREPRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC
- 25 CREDENTIALS," THERE'S NO STATEMENT THERE THAT SAYS THAT'S
- 26 SOMETHING THAT STILL NEEDS TO BE INVESTIGATED, IS THERE?



- 1 A THIS IS JUST SPECULATION.
- 2 Q SO THE CONGRESSMAN, YOU BELIEVE, IS
- 3 SPECULATING; IS THAT RIGHT?
- 4 A YES, THAT'S SPECULATION.
- 5 Q ALL RIGHT. SO THE INVESTIGATION HE IS CALLING
- 6 FOR IN THIS LETTER, WHERE HE SAYS ON THE NEXT PAGE, "I HEREBY
- 7 REQUEST YOUR INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE INVESTIGATE THESE
- 8 ME" -- EXCUSE ME. TRY IT AGAIN.
- 9 "I HEREBY REQUEST THAT YOUR INSPECTOR GENERAL'S
- 10 OFFICE INVESTIGATE THESE MATTERS AND PROVIDE ME WITH THE
- 11 FOLLOWING INFORMATION BY MAY 30, 1996."
- 12 THE PART HE NEEDS INVESTIGATED BY THE INSPECTOR
- 13 GENERAL IS THE SECOND HALF OF THAT SENTENCE, RIGHT; THAT IT
- 14 MAY HAVE RESULTED IN RECEIVING STATE DEPARTMENT GRANTS?
- 15 A YEAH, HE WANT TO SEE THE RESULT OF THE
- 16 INVESTIGATION.
- 17 Q OKAY. SO LET'S GO DOWN TO PAGE 2. ALL RIGHT.
- 18 THERE WE GO.
- 19 SO THE LETTER LISTS THESE FIVE THINGS, ONLY ONE
- 20 OF WHICH, NUMBER 5, HAVE WE FOCUSED ON, AND THEN SAYS WHAT I
- 21 JUST SAID: REQUEST YOUR INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE
- 22 INVESTIGATE THESE MATTERS AND PROVIDE YOU WITH THE FOLLOWING
- 23 INFORMATION.
- 24 THE INFORMATION REQUESTED HAS TO DO WITH
- 25 FUNDING, NOT WHETHER OR NOT YOU CLAIM TO BE A PH.D.; CORRECT?
- 26 A YES. I WANT -- I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE RESULT



- 1 OF THIS INVESTIGATION.
- Q OKAY. BUT THIS ONLY HAS TO DO WITH THE SECOND
- 3 HALF OF THE SENTENCE; THAT THE MISREPRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC
- 4 CREDENTIALS MAY HAVE RESULTED IN RECEIVING STATE DEPARTMENT
- 5 GRANTS.
- SO WE LOOK HERE, FIRST, THE THINGS THAT HE
- 7 SEEKS ARE: "ANY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS RELATING TO STATE
- 8 DEPARTMENT FUNDING PROJECTS FOR S.E.A.R.A.C. OR MR. KHOA."
- 9 RIGHT? THAT'S THE FIRST?
- 10 A THE SECOND PART OF THE SENTENCE WAS
- 11 SPECULATION.
- 12 Q DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING THAT YOU CAN POINT TO TO
- 13 SHOW US THAT IT WAS SPECULATION OR DO YOU JUST GUESS THAT IT
- 14 WAS?
- 15 A AND THE -- AND I'M TRYING TO SEE WHETHER THE
- 16 RESULT OF -- IF THERE IS ANY INVESTIGATION, THAT THIS
- 17 INFLUENCED MY REQUEST FOR -- FOR --
- 18 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. MOVE TO STRIKE.
- 19 NONRESPONSIVE.
- 20 THE COURT: SUSTAINED. THE LAST RESPONSE WILL BE
- 21 STRICKEN, DISREGARDED BY THE JURY.
- 22 BY MR. VOSS:
- 23 Q THE SECOND AREA OF INQUIRY SOUGHT BY THE
- 24 CONGRESSMAN IS: "ALL RECORDS RELATED TO THE COMPETITIVE
- 25 BIDDING PROCESS REGARDING FUNDING OBTAINED BY S.E.A.R.A.C. OR
- 26 MR. KHOA."



- 1 RIGHT? ISN'T THAT CORRECT?
- 2 A SO I DON'T KNOW IF THE STATE DEPARTMENT PROVIDE
- 3 ANY INFORMATION RELATED TO --
- 4 Q YOU DON'T KNOW; RIGHT?
- 5 A SO I CAN'T ANSWER THIS. THIS IS BETWEEN THE
- 6 STATE DEPARTMENT AND MR. DORNAN.
- 7 Q LET ME JUST READ THE REST OF IT THEN.
- 8 THIRD: DIPLOMAS AND OTHER CERTIFICATION
- 9 REGARDING MR. LE XUAN KHOA'S ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS?
- 10 FOURTH: ALL DOCUMENTATION REGARDING FEDERAL
- 11 LAWS RELATED TO LOBBYING EFFORTS BY 501(C)(3) AGENCIES.
- 12 AND FIFTH: ALL DOCUMENTATION REGARDING
- 13 S.E.A.R.A.C. AND MR. LE XUAN KHOA'S RELATIONSHIP LOBBYING OR
- 14 ADVOCATING FOR THE INTEREST OF A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT.
- 15 RIGHT? SO THIS WAS ALL THE THINGS HE WAS NOW
- 16 ASKING THE INSPECTOR GENERAL TO DO; RIGHT?
- 17 A YES, HE WOULD LIKE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL TO DO
- 18 THIS, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THE INSPECTOR DID IT OR NOT,
- 19 BECAUSE, IN FACT, I WAS NOT INVESTIGATED. THAT'S A FACT.
- 20 Q OKAY. BUT IT'S A FACT THAT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT
- 21 YOU BEING INVESTIGATED, THERE ARE ACTUALLY TWO INVESTIGATIONS,
- 22 NOT JUST WHETHER THE INSPECTOR GENERAL DID; RIGHT?
- 23 MR. HART: I'M GOING TO OBJECT. THAT QUESTION
- 24 ASSUMES FACTS NOT IN EVIDENCE THAT THERE WAS AN INVESTIGATION.
- THE COURT: AND IT'S VAGUE. LET'S BE CLEAR ABOUT
- 26 WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.



- 1 BY MR. VOSS:
- 2 Q OKAY. BEFORE CONGRESSMAN DORNAN MADE THESE
- 3 REQUESTS, HE DID HIS OWN EXAMINATION OF THE INFORMATION BEFORE
- 4 WRITING THE APRIL 30TH LETTER; ISN'T THAT CORRECT?
- 5 MR. HART: OBJECTION. CALLS FOR SPECULATION.
- THE COURT: OVERRULED. HE MAY NOT KNOW, BUT WE'LL
- 7 HAVE TO SEE.
- 8 SO YOU MAY RESPOND TO THAT QUESTION, MR. KHOA.
- 9 THE WITNESS: I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT OTHER
- 10 PEOPLE OR CONGRESSMAN HIMSELF DID INVESTIGATED ME. I HAVE
- 11 NEVER BEEN ASKED BY ANYBODY.
- 12 BY MR. VOSS:
- 13 Q LET'S GO TO EXHIBIT 233, PLEASE.
- MR. VOSS: DID WE RECEIVE 233?
- THE COURT: LET ME DOUBLE-CHECK.
- MR. VOSS: I'M NOT SURE WE DID.
- 17 IT WAS RECEIVED. OKAY. THANK YOU.
- 18 THE COURT: IT WAS ADMITTED.
- MR. VOSS: REQUEST TO PUBLISH 233.
- 20 THE COURT: GIVEN 233 WAS PREVIOUSLY ADMITTED, IT MAY
- 21 BE PUBLISHED.
- 22 (DOCUMENT PUBLISHED.)
- 23 BY MR. VOSS:
- 24 Q SO, MR. KHOA, YOU'VE SEEN THIS LETTER BEFORE;
- 25 RIGHT? THERE WERE THE TWO LETTERS FROM CONGRESSMAN DORNAN.
- 26 YOU'VE SEEN THIS --



- 1 A I HAVE SEEN THIS.
- Q YEAH.
- 3 SO IN THE SECOND SENTENCE OF THE LETTER, ISN'T
- 4 IT CORRECT THAT CONGRESSMAN DORNAN IDENTIFIES THAT, "SINCE
- 5 THAT TIME" -- WHICH WAS FOLLOWING UP ON A MARCH 6TH LETTER
- 6 PREVIOUSLY -- WELL, STRIKE THAT. I'LL JUST GO FROM THE
- 7 BEGINNING, BECAUSE I WAS DISJOINTED THERE. APOLOGIZE.
- 8 THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF THE APRIL 2 LETTER SAYS:
- 9 "THIS IS TO FOLLOW UP ON MY LETTER TO YOUR OFFICE ON MARCH 6,
- 10 1996. SINCE THAT TIME, MY STAFF HAS CONTINUED OUR
- 11 INVESTIGATION INTO THE S.E.A.R.A.C. ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING
- 12 THE AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS AND PROCEEDS FROM THERE."
- 13 THE NEXT SENTENCE SAYS: "I HAVE UNCOVERED
- 14 TROUBLING INFORMATION REGARDING THESE ORGANIZATIONS."
- 15 THE ORGANIZATIONS HE'S REFERRING TO ARE THE
- 16 ONES OF WHICH YOU WERE THE PRESIDENT AT THE TIME; ISN'T THAT
- 17 CORRECT?
- 18 A I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS QUESTION.
- 19 Q ISN'T IT CORRECT THAT S.E.A.R.A.C., HMONG
- 20 NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND INDOCHINA COMMUNITY CENTER AND THEIR
- 21 LEADERS ARE ORGANIZATIONS, I'LL JUST SAY, WITH WHICH YOU WERE
- 22 AFFILIATED?
- 23 A YES. I KNOW THAT S.E.A.R.A.C. IS A NATIONAL
- 24 ORGANIZATION, AND IT HAS AFFILIATES.
- 25 Q OKAY. AND DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THE
- 26 CONGRESSMAN IS SAYING ON HIS LETTERHEAD THAT, MY STAFF HAS



- 1 CONTINUED OUR INVESTIGATION, AND THAT THAT INVESTIGATION IS
- 2 SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FROM HIS REQUEST IN THE LETTER,
- 3 EXHIBIT 234, THAT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL PROVIDE INFORMATION TO
- 4 IT? DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT? TWO INVESTIGATIONS?
- 5 A I'M NOT AWARE OF THE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY
- 6 MR. DORNAN.
- 7 Q AND, YET, THERE IT IS ON EXHIBIT 233, THE
- 8 CONGRESSMAN'S LETTER OF APRIL 2, 1996; RIGHT?
- 9 MR. HART: OBJECTION. ARGUMENTATIVE.
- 10 THE COURT: OVERRULED.
- 11 YOU MAY RESPOND, SIR.
- 12 THE WITNESS: OKAY. THIS IS THE LETTER FROM
- 13 MR. DORNAN TO MRS. LIMON. YES, I SEE THIS LETTER.
- 14 BY MR. VOSS:
- 15 Q OKAY. AND SO DID YOU UNDERSTAND -- YOU'VE SEEN
- 16 THIS LETTER BEFORE -- THAT THERE WASN'T JUST ONE
- 17 INVESTIGATION, THERE WERE TWO. THE CONGRESSMAN DID HIS OWN
- 18 INVESTIGATION SEPARATELY; CORRECT?
- 19 A I JUST SAID THAT I SEE THE LETTER, YEAH. I SEE
- 20 THAT IN FRONT OF ME.
- 21 Q SO IF WE COULD SHOW PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 AT THE
- 22 SAME TIME, PLEASE.
- SO IN PARAGRAPH 1, THE CONGRESSMAN SAYS HIS
- 24 STAFF HAS INVESTIGATED AND THEY HAVE UNCOVERED TROUBLING
- 25 INFORMATION.
- 26 THE NEXT PARAGRAPH HE SAYS: "ENCLOSED IS AN



- 1 ARTICLE FROM THE MARCH 1996 COMMUNITY NEWS MAGAZINE PUBLISHED
- 2 IN MY DISTRICT IN ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA. THE ARTICLE,
- 3 ENTITLED 'S.E.A.R.A.C. AND N.A.V.A.S.A. FOUND TO HAVE
- 4 MISAPPROPRIATED VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY OF ORANGE COUNTY NAME IN
- 5 EFFORT TO SECURE GOVERNMENT FUNDS.'"
- 6 SO THE CONGRESSMAN IS SAYING, AS A RESULT OF
- 7 HIS OWN INVESTIGATION, THAT HE FOUND TROUBLING INFORMATION
- 8 REGARDING S.E.A.R.A.C.; RIGHT?
- 9 A OKAY. I WAS AWARE OF THE LETTER, BUT I
- 10 ALSO -- THIS IS NOTHING ABOUT S.E.A.R.A.C. AND THEM, BECAUSE
- 11 THIS IS -- THE LETTER WAS ASKING ABOUT N.A.V.A.S.A. AND --
- 12 Q THE CONGRESSMAN SAYS THAT THE ARTICLE IS
- 13 ENTITLED --
- 14 MR. HART: OBJECTION. THE WITNESS SHOULD BE ALLOWED
- 15 TO FINISH HIS STATEMENT.
- 16 THE WITNESS: SO I UNDERSTAND THAT I ALREADY WRITE TO
- 17 THAT ORGANIZATION -- I FORGOT THE NAME -- BUT SAYING THAT I
- 18 HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS. AND THE PERSON FROM
- 19 N.A.V.A.S.A. ALSO WROTE TO HIM. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT NOTHING
- 20 HAPPENED AFTER THAT. THAT MEANS THE OTHER SIDE KEEP SILENT.
- 21 I ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT.
- 22 WHEN I ANSWERED THAT LETTER, I SAID THAT I -- I
- 23 HAD COOPERATED -- THIS ORGANIZATION HAD COOPERATED WITH -- AS
- 24 AN AFFILIATED WITH S.E.A.R.A.C. TO ORGANIZE THE --
- 25 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. MOVE TO STRIKE AS
- 26 NONRESPONSIVE, THE LAST PART.



- 1 THE WITNESS: -- THE ORGANIZATION OF N.A.V.A.S.A.
- THE COURT: OKAY. ONE MOMENT, SIR.
- 3 I THINK THE -- I AM GOING TO GRANT THAT MOTION
- 4 TO STRIKE. INSTRUCT THE JURY TO DISREGARD THAT RESPONSE.
- 5 THE QUESTION WAS NOT SO MUCH, AGAIN, ABOUT THE
- 6 TRUTH OF THE STATEMENTS, BUT WHETHER THAT IS JUST WHAT IS
- 7 BEING STATED IN THE LETTER.
- 8 SO THAT'S THE FOCUS. HE'LL ASK HIS QUESTION
- 9 AGAIN.
- 10 BY MR. VOSS:
- 11 Q IS IT CORRECT TO STATE THAT, IN THIS LETTER
- 12 FROM THE CONGRESSMAN'S OFFICE, WHERE THEY EXPRESSLY REFERENCE
- 13 AN ARTICLE THAT IDENTIFIES S.E.A.R.A.C., THAT IT WAS
- 14 MISAPPROPRIATING VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY IN AN EFFORT TO SECURE
- 15 GOVERNMENT FUNDS? IT SAYS IT RIGHT THERE, DOESN'T IT?
- 16 A OKAY. NOW I REMEMBER. I WROTE A LETTER
- 17 TO -- THIS IS THE LAWYER'S OFFICE. I DON'T KNOW -- I CAN'T
- 18 REMEMBER HIS NAME, BUT THIS IS FROM A LAWYER'S OFFICE, AND I
- 19 ANSWERED HIM.
- 20 THE COURT: PROFESSOR KHOA. PROFESSOR KHOA, AGAIN,
- 21 THE QUESTION IS JUST SIMPLY WHAT THIS LETTER STATES, NOT THE
- 22 TRUTH OF ANY STATEMENTS, JUST SIMPLY THAT THIS LETTER CONTAINS
- 23 OR MAKES THE STATEMENT. SO THAT'S AN IMPORTANT DISTINCTION WE
- 24 NEED TO HAVE YOU UNDERSTAND TO ANSWER THE QUESTION.
- 25 SO THE QUESTION, AGAIN, IS: DOES THAT SECOND
- 26 PARAGRAPH OF THE LETTER INCLUDE THAT STATEMENT? EVEN IF YOU



- 1 DISAGREE WITH IT OR YOU THINK IT'S UNTRUTHFUL, DOES THE LETTER
- 2 INCLUDE THE STATEMENT?
- 3 THE WITNESS: I RECEIVED THE LETTER, AND I DISAGREED
- 4 WITH THE LETTER. AND I ANSWERED THEM. AND AFTER THAT,
- 5 NOTHING HAPPENED, BECAUSE I --
- 6 BY MR. VOSS:
- 7 Q ALL RIGHT. SO WHEN YOU SAY YOU ANSWERED "HIM,"
- 8 JUST SO I'M CLEAR ON THE PRONOUN "HIM," WHO DID YOU SEND A
- 9 LETTER TO, DR. THANG OR THE CONGRESSMAN?
- 10 A I SENT THE LETTER TO THE LAW FIRM.
- 11 Q WHAT LAW FIRM?
- 12 A AND TELLING HIM THAT I DID PROVIDE SOME FUNDING
- 13 TO -- TO THAT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION TO HELP PREPARE THE --
- 14 Q WHAT LAW FIRM?
- 15 A -- THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY
- 16 ORGANIZATION.
- 17 Q AGAIN, PLEASE LISTEN TO MY QUESTION.
- 18 MR. HART: YOUR HONOR, I HAVE TO OBJECT. HE'S
- 19 CONSTANTLY INTERRUPTING THE WITNESS' STATEMENTS BEFORE HE'S
- 20 FINISHED. IF THERE'S NOT AN OBJECTION OR MOTION TO STRIKE, I
- 21 ASK THE COURT TO ADMONISH MR. VOSS TO STOP INTERRUPTING THE
- 22 WITNESS' STATEMENT.
- 23 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. THERE'S PLENTY OF ADMONITIONS
- 24 TO GO AROUND. SO WE'RE GOING TO GO AHEAD AND LISTEN TO THE
- 25 QUESTION, PLEASE.
- 26 YOU MAY PLEASE STATE THE QUESTION, MR. VOSS.



- 1 BY MR. VOSS:
- 3 THIS LETTER?
- 4 A I DON'T REMEMBER THE NAME OF THE LAW FIRM, BUT
- 5 I THOUGHT I CAN FIND IT IN -- IN -- AT HOME, BUT IT WOULD TAKE
- 6 TIME. THAT'S THE ONLY THING.
- 7 Q WHO WAS THIS LAW FIRM REPRESENTING?
- 8 A THE FACT THAT AFTER THAT, AFTER ANSWER THE
- 9 LETTER, NOTHING HAPPENED.
- 10 MR. VOSS: YOUR HONOR, OBJECTION. MOVE TO STRIKE AS
- 11 NONRESPONSIVE.
- 12 THE COURT: MR. KHOA, THIS QUESTION IS SIMPLE AND
- 13 JUST WANTS TO KNOW WHO OR WHAT LAW FIRM YOU WROTE TO. IF YOU
- 14 DON'T RECALL, THAT'S AN ACCEPTABLE ANSWER. BUT THAT'S THE
- 15 OUESTION, NOT OTHER BACKGROUND AND OTHER INFORMATION RELATING
- 16 TO ANYTHING THAT CAME OUT OF THAT LETTER.
- 17 THE QUESTION IS SIMPLY: WHICH LAW FIRM DID YOU
- 18 WRITE TO?
- 19 THE WITNESS: I COULDN'T REMEMBER THE NAME OF THE LAW
- 20 FIRM.
- THE COURT: THAT'S ACCEPTABLE.
- NEXT QUESTION.
- 23 BY MR. VOSS:
- 24 Q THE NEXT QUESTION, THEN, IS: DO YOU RECOLLECT
- 25 WHO THE LAW FIRM REPRESENTED?
- 26 A THE DATE I COULDN'T REMEMBER.



- 1 Q SO YOU WROTE, WHEN YOU READ THIS, A LETTER TO A
- 2 LAW FIRM THAT REPRESENTED SOMEBODY YOU DON'T PRESENTLY
- 3 RECOLLECT; IS THAT CORRECT?
- A RECENTLY, I COULDN'T REMEMBER.
- 5 Q OKAY. BUT IS IT ALSO FAIR TO SAY THAT IN
- 6 RESPONSE TO THIS LETTER, YOU DID NOT WRITE ANYTHING TO THE
- 7 DEFENDANTS IN THIS CASE?
- 8 A NOT TO THE DEFENDANT.
- 9 O OKAY. SO NOW LET'S TURN TO THE NEXT SENTENCE
- 10 OF THE PARAGRAPH, "IN ADDITION, WE HAVE LEARNED."
- 11 NOW, THAT "WE" IS REFERRING, IS IT NOT, TO THE
- 12 CONGRESSMAN'S STAFF INVESTIGATION IN THE PARAGRAPH BEFORE?
- 13 A ABOUT THE STAFF -- CONGRESSMAN STAFF
- 14 INVESTIGATION, I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS.
- 15 O OKAY. SO THE SENTENCE FULLY SAYS: "IN
- 16 ADDITION, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT I.R.A.C./S.E.A.R.A.C. HAS
- 17 MISREPRESENTED LE XUAN KHOA AS A 'DOCTOR.'"
- 18 YOU SEE THAT THERE?
- 19 A YOU REFER TO THE SECOND PARAGRAPH?
- Q THAT'S CORRECT.
- 21 SO ISN'T IT CORRECT TO SAY THAT THE
- 22 CONGRESSMAN'S OWN INVESTIGATION THROUGH HIS STAFF DETERMINED
- 23 THAT YOU HAD MISREPRESENTED YOURSELF AS A DOCTOR?
- 24 MR. HART: OBJECTION. MISCHARACTERIZES THE EXHIBIT.
- 25 IT DOES NOT SAY "KHOA," IT SAYS "S.E.A.R.A.C."
- 26 THE COURT: WAIT. WE'RE NOT GOING TO DO IT.



- 1 NO.
- THE WITNESS: THIS IS WHAT THEY SAID.
- 3 THE COURT: WAIT. WAIT. EVERYBODY, WAIT.
- 4 MR. VOSS, WHY DON'T WE RESTATE OUR QUESTION.
- 5 BY MR. VOSS:
- 6 Q THE SENTENCE SAYS: "WE HAVE LEARNED THAT
- 7 I.R.A.C./S.E.A.R.A.C. HAS MISREPRESENTED LE XUAN KHOA AS A
- 8 'DOCTOR.'"
- 9 THAT WAS A FINDING BY THE CONGRESSMAN'S OFFICE;
- 10 RIGHT?
- 11 MR. HART: OBJECTION. CALLS FOR SPECULATION.
- 12 THE COURT: OVERRULED.
- 13 YOU MAY RESPOND.
- 14 THE WITNESS: I CONFIRM, AGAIN, THAT I HAVE NEVER
- 15 BEEN INVESTIGATED. I HAVE NEVER BEEN ASKED ABOUT ANYTHING
- 16 THAT THE STAFF REFER TO. I WAS NOT AWARE OF THAT.
- 17 BY MR. VOSS:
- 18 Q WHETHER YOU'RE AWARE OF IT OR NOT --
- 19 A I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY SAY -- THIS INFORMATION
- 20 CAME FROM.
- 21 Q OKAY. SO THEN THE NEXT SENTENCE SAYS:
- 22 "RECENTLY, IN THE FACE OF PUBLIC INQUIRY, MR. KHOA ADMITTED HE
- 23 IS NOT A DOCTOR."
- 24 SEE THAT THERE?
- 25 A THE SAME THING; I WAS NOT ASKED -- I WAS NOT
- 26 INVESTIGATED. SO WHY THERE WAS SUCH THING THAT I ADMITTED? I



- 1 NEVER ADMITTED.
- 2 Q BUT IT'S CORRECT TO SAY THAT YOU READ THIS
- 3 LETTER AT THE TIME; RIGHT?
- 4 MR. HART: OBJECTION. VAGUE AS TO TIME.
- 5 THE COURT: THE TIME OF THE LETTER.
- 6 MR. VOSS: APRIL 2, 1996.
- 7 THE WITNESS: AT LEAST THAT'S AT THE TIME -- I
- 8 MEAN -- WHAT THE TIME --
- 9 MR. HART: OKAY. THEN, FOUNDATION.
- 10 MR. VOSS: IT'S ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE. SORRY.
- 11 THE COURT: OVERRULED.
- 12 IF HE DOESN'T KNOW, HE DOESN'T KNOW WHEN HE
- 13 READ IT, BUT WE'LL HAVE TO HEAR FROM HIM ON THAT.
- 14 YOU MAY RESPOND TO THE QUESTION, SIR. I'LL
- 15 RESTATE IT FOR YOU.
- 16 THE QUESTION IS: IS IT CORRECT TO SAY YOU READ
- 17 THIS LETTER AT THE TIME, MEANING IN OR AROUND THE TIME IT WAS
- 18 WRITTEN?
- 19 THE WITNESS: I CAN'T -- I'M NOT SURE ABOUT WHEN I
- 20 CAN READ IT, BUT THE ONLY THING I CAN ANSWER IS THAT I HAVE
- 21 NEVER BEEN INVESTIGATED BY ANYBODY. AND I DID NOT ADMIT --
- 22 BECAUSE I WAS NOT ASKED, I DID NOT ADMIT ANYTHING ABOUT THIS.
- 23 BY MR. VOSS:
- 24 Q BUT IS IT ALSO FAIR TO SAY THAT THERE IS NO
- 25 INDICATION IN THIS LETTER THAT THE STATEMENTS THAT
- 26 I.R.A.C./S.E.A.R.A.C. MISREPRESENTED YOU AS A DOCTOR AND THAT



- 1 YOU ADMITTED YOU WEREN'T A DOCTOR ARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE
- 2 DEFENDANTS?
- 3 A I DID NOT ADMIT IT.
- 4 Q BUT THERE'S NOTHING IN THIS LETTER THAT TALKS
- 5 ABOUT DR. THANG, IS THERE?
- A NO, I DON'T THINK SO.
- 7 Q THERE'S NOTHING IN THIS LETTER THAT TALKS ABOUT
- 8 THE BOAT PEOPLE S.O.S., IS THERE?
- 9 A I DON'T THINK SO.
- 10 Q SO THIS IS JUST THE CONGRESSMAN, THROUGH HIS
- 11 OFFICE, TALKING ON THIS LETTER; RIGHT?
- 12 A I THINK SO.
- 13 Q SO BASICALLY WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, IF I
- 14 UNDERSTAND THIS, IS THAT WITH RESPECT TO THE CONGRESSMAN'S
- 15 STATEMENTS ON THIS LETTER, THAT THERE'S A MISREPRESENTATION OF
- 16 YOU AS A DOCTOR, AND THAT YOU ADMITTED THAT YOU WERE NOT A
- 17 DOCTOR, AND YOU AGAIN SAY THE CONGRESSMAN IS WRONG; IS THAT
- 18 RIGHT?
- 19 A CONGRESSMAN IS WRONG.
- 20 Q SO NOW WE HAVE TWO CONGRESSMEN THAT SAY WHAT
- 21 THEY SAID HERE, SMITH AND DORNAN, AND BOTH TIMES YOUR ISSUE IS
- 22 NOT THAT DR. THANG OR B.P.S.O.S. SAID SOMETHING WITH WHICH
- 23 YOU'D DISAGREE, BUT THAT THE CONGRESSMEN ARE THE ONES WHO SAID
- 24 THINGS WITH WHICH YOU DISAGREE; ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
- 25 A I DON'T KNOW THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DR. THANG
- 26 AND THIS INVESTIGATION. I DON'T -- I'M NOT AWARE OF THAT.



- 1 Q NOW, I'D ALSO LIKE TO LOOK AT THE TIMELINE OF
- 2 THESE EVENTS. LET'S GO BACK TO NUMBER 234, THE LAST LETTER
- 3 FIRST.
- THE COURT: THE APRIL 30TH, 1996 LETTER.
- 5 MR. VOSS: RIGHT.
- 6 THE COURT: AND, YES, YOU MAY PUBLISH IT.
- 7 MR. VOSS: 234.
- MR. NGUYEN: WE CAN PUBLISH IT?
- 9 THE COURT: YEAH, IT MAY BE PUBLISHED. THANK YOU FOR
- 10 CHECKING.
- 11 (DOCUMENT PUBLISHED.)
- 12 BY MR. VOSS:
- 13 Q SO IN THIS LETTER, THE CONGRESSMAN, IN THE
- 14 SECOND SENTENCE STATES: "BEGINNING IN JANUARY, 1996, I HAVE
- 15 RECEIVED AN OVERWHELMING NUMBER OF TELEPHONE CALLS AND LETTERS
- 16 FROM RESPECTED VIETNAMESE-AMERICAN LEADERS IN MY DISTRICT AND
- 17 ACROSS THE UNITED STATES."
- 18 SO THIS STARTS JANUARY OF 1996; RIGHT?
- 19 A THAT MAY BE, BUT I CAN'T ANSWER TO CONFIRM THAT
- 20 THE CONGRESSMAN RECEIVED MANY OR SOME OR WHATEVER --
- 21 Q BUT YOU CAN CONFIRM --
- 22 A I CAN'T ANSWER THIS QUESTION.
- 23 O -- HE DIDN'T SAY: IN RESPONSE TO A STATEMENT
- 24 FROM DR. THANG AND B.P.S.O.S., I HAVE EXPRESSED THE FOLLOWING
- 25 CONCERNS"? THAT'S NOT WHAT HE SAYS AT ALL; RIGHT?
- 26 A YOU SAY THAT'S NOT WHAT HE SAYS. SO WHO IS



- 1 "HE" IN HERE?
- 2 Q DOESN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT DR. THANG, DOES IT?
- 3 A YEAH, I'M NOT AWARE OF ANYTHING ABOUT DR. THANG
- 4 SAY OR NOT, IF HE SAID IT OR NOT.
- 5 Q SO WHAT THE CONGRESSMAN CHOSE TO DO, HE IS
- 6 SAYING -- ISN'T IT CORRECT TO SAY IT'S IN RESPONSE TO CONCERNS
- 7 RAISED BY RESPECTED LEADERS, PLURAL, AN OVERWHELMING NUMBER OF
- 8 TELEPHONE CALLS; CORRECT?
- 9 A I DON'T THINK I CAN ANSWER THIS QUESTION --
- 10 Q IT'S WHAT THE LETTER SAYS; RIGHT?
- 11 A -- BECAUSE I'M NOT AWARE OF THE RELATIONSHIP
- 12 BETWEEN MR. DORNAN AND OTHER PEOPLE.
- 13 (SIMULTANEOUS SPEAKING.)
- 14 BY MR. VOSS:
- 15 O YOU'RE NOT AWARE OF THE RELATIONSHIP. SO
- 16 ANYTHING YOU WOULD HAVE TO OFFER --
- 17 A SO THIS IS A STATEMENT.
- 18 Q -- IS IT CORRECT TO SAY, REGARDING THE
- 19 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CONGRESSMAN DORNAN AND OTHER PEOPLE,
- 20 YOU'RE NOT AWARE OF; IS THAT RIGHT?
- 21 A YEAH, I'M NOT AWARE OF THAT.
- 22 Q THAT WOULD NECESSARILY INCLUDE THE DEFENDANTS,
- 23 WOULDN'T IT?
- A YES.
- 25 Q SO, AGAIN, THE TIMELINE, THE LAST LETTER IN THE
- 26 SEQUENCE, APRIL 30, REFERENCES THE OVERWHELMING PHONE CALLS,



- 1 ET CETERA, STARTING IN JANUARY OF '96.
- NOW, LET'S GO BACK TO EXHIBIT 233, IF I MAY
- 3 PUBLISH.
- 4 THE COURT: AND YOU MAY PUBLISH.
- 5 (DOCUMENT PUBLISHED.)
- 6 BY MR. VOSS:
- 7 Q AND THE FIRST SENTENCE OF THIS LETTER SAYS:
- 8 "THIS IS TO FOLLOW UP ON MY LETTER TO YOUR OFFICE ON MARCH 6,
- 9 1996."
- 10 DO YOU SEE THAT THERE?
- 11 A YES, I SEE THAT.
- 12 Q OKAY. SO JANUARY, THE OVERWHELMING PHONE CALLS
- 13 START COMING IN. CONGRESSMAN WRITES TO MS. LIMON ON MARCH 6,
- 14 1996.
- 15 IT'S NOT UNTIL BOTH OF THOSE THINGS HAPPEN
- 16 BEFORE DR. THANG WRITES THE LETTER TO MS. LIMON; ISN'T THAT
- 17 RIGHT?
- 18 AND I'LL ADDRESS YOUR ATTENTION TO EXHIBIT
- 19 NUMBER 18.
- 20 A I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT LETTERS FROM THESE
- 21 ORGANIZATIONS TO THE OFFICE OF THE CONGRESSMAN DORNAN.
- 22 Q AS A TIMELINE, IF YOU LOOK AT EXHIBIT NUMBER 18
- 23 IN YOUR BOOK.
- IF I NEED TO APPROACH ...
- THE COURT: I THINK WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO APPROACH.
- MR. VOSS: YOU KNOW WHAT, I CAN HAVE IT PUT UP HERE.



- 1 THE COURT: WE HAVE A CLEAN ONE; CORRECT?
- 2 MR. HART: WE DO HAVE A CLEAN COPY, BUT IT'S NOT
- 3 ELECTRONIC. IT HAS TO BE ON THE ELMO.
- 4 THE COURT: CAN YOU PUT IT ON THE ELMO? THAT'S FINE.
- 5 YOU CAN USE THE ELMO, IF YOU WANT TO.
- 6 MR. VOSS: I'LL JUST SHOW IT TO HIM.
- 7 THE COURT: OKAY. YOU MAY APPROACH TO SHOW IT IN THE
- 8 BINDER, TO GIVE HIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT IT BEFORE WE
- 9 ASK ANY QUESTIONS.
- 10 MR. VOSS: HERE IT IS. THERE'S JUST NOT A TAB YET.
- 11 OKAY. EXHIBIT 18. AND I'M GOING TO ADDRESS YOUR ATTENTION
- 12 HERE. ALL RIGHT?
- 13 THE WITNESS: OKAY.
- 14 BY MR. VOSS:
- 15 O ISN'T IT CORRECT TO SAY THAT EXHIBIT NUMBER 18
- 16 IS DATED MARCH 10, 1996?
- 17 A THIS IS NOT THE SAME, THESE TWO.
- 18 Q THE EXHIBIT 18 IN YOUR EXHIBIT BINDER THAT
- 19 YOU'RE LOOKING AT RIGHT NOW, THAT LETTER IS DATED MARCH 10,
- 20 1996; RIGHT?
- 21 A MARCH 10TH, YES. THIS IS THE EXHIBIT.
- 22 Q OKAY. SO NOW THAT WE HAVE THE TIMELINE;
- 23 JANUARY THE PHONE CALLS ARE COMING IN; MARCH THE CONGRESSMAN
- 24 WRITES HIS FIRST LETTER, MARCH 2.
- 25 AND NOT UNTIL BOTH OF THOSE THINGS --
- THE COURT: MARCH 6.



- 1 MR. VOSS: MARCH 6. THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR. IT'S
- 2 APRIL 2. SO WE HAVE -- LET ME RESTATE.
- 3 BY MR. VOSS:
- 4 Q JANUARY THE PHONE CALLS START COMING INTO THE
- 5 CONGRESSMAN'S OFFICE. MARCH 6 THE CONGRESSMAN INITIATES A
- 6 LETTER TO MS. LIMON, AS REFERENCED IN EXHIBIT NUMBER 233.
- AND NOT UNTIL BOTH OF THOSE THINGS HAVE ALREADY
- 8 HAPPENED DOES MY CLIENT, DR. THANG, AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
- 9 B.P.S.O.S., SEND EXHIBIT 18 TO MS. LIMON; ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
- 10 A YEAH. I SAW THE LETTER FROM DR. THANG TO THE
- 11 OFFICE OF O.R.R. ON MARCH 10TH, AND IT DEFAMED ME IN THAT
- 12 LETTER. THAT'S WHAT I KNOW.
- 13 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. MOVE TO STRIKE AS
- 14 NONRESPONSIVE.
- THE COURT: WAIT, MR. KHOA. HOLD ON.
- 16 SO THAT WOULD BE GRANTED IN PART. SO THE
- 17 RESPONSE, "YEAH, I SAW THE LETTER FROM DR. THANG TO THE OFFICE
- 18 OF O.R.R. ON MARCH 10TH," WILL REMAIN. THE BALANCE OF THE
- 19 RESPONSE WILL BE STRICKEN AND DISREGARDED BY THE JURY.
- 20 BY MR. VOSS:
- 21 Q SO THIS LETTER, THE MARCH 10 LETTER,
- 22 EXHIBIT 18, WAS OFFERED INTO EVIDENCE AS A SUGGESTION THAT IT
- 23 PROMPTED THE CONGRESSMAN'S INVESTIGATION. BUT THAT'S
- 24 IMPOSSIBLE, ISN'T IT, BECAUSE IT DIDN'T COME UNTIL AFTER THE
- 25 PHONE CALLS AND AFTER THE CONGRESSMAN HAD ALREADY WRITTEN
- 26 ONCE?



- 1 A BETWEEN THIS LETTER AND CONGRESSMAN
- 2 INVESTIGATION... (READING TO SELF.)
- I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS LETTER, OKAY, IS COPIED,
- 4 CC'D TO CONGRESSMAN DORNAN. OKAY.
- 5 Q BUT IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN WHAT STARTED THE
- 6 CONGRESSMAN'S INVESTIGATION --
- 7 A CC TO CONGRESSMAN DORNAN.
- 8 THE COURT: WAIT. WAIT. MR. KHOA, LISTEN TO THE
- 9 QUESTION, SO WE DON'T -- WE'RE ANSWERING THE RIGHT QUESTION.
- 10 SO LISTEN CAREFULLY TO MR. VOSS' QUESTION, AND THEN YOU MAY
- 11 RESPOND.
- 12 BY MR. VOSS:
- 13 Q THIS LETTER COMES AFTER THE CONGRESSMAN'S
- 14 STATEMENTS ABOUT PHONE CALLS IN JANUARY, AFTER THE CONGRESSMAN
- 15 ALREADY WROTE ONE LETTER, AFTER HE'S RECEIVED THE CONCERNS IN
- 16 PARAGRAPH NUMBER 5, THOSE THINGS ALL HAPPENED BEFORE THIS
- 17 LETTER IS EVER WRITTEN; ISN'T THAT TRUE?
- 18 A YES, THIS ALL TRUE, BUT THE PROBLEM IS THE
- 19 LETTER FROM DR. THANG DENOUNCING ME WITH THE OFFICIAL -- OR
- 20 THAT'S THE MAIN THING THAT I CAN CONFIRM.
- 21 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION AND MOVE TO STRIKE AS
- 22 NONRESPONSIVE. BEYOND THE SCOPE FOR WHICH THE LETTER WAS
- 23 ADMITTED.
- 24 THE COURT: WAIT. SO THE "YES" RESPONSE WILL REMAIN,
- 25 AND THE BALANCE OF THAT RESPONSE WILL BE STRICKEN AS
- 26 NONRESPONSIVE AND WILL BE DISREGARDED BY THE JURY.



- 1 BY MR. VOSS:
- 2 Q COMING BACK TO THE STATEMENT ON THE BOARD OVER
- 3 THERE. NOW THAT WE'VE LOOKED AT THESE THINGS THIS MORNING AND
- 4 YESTERDAY AFTERNOON FROM THE CONGRESSMAN'S STATEMENTS, IN HIS
- 5 LETTERS OF APRIL 2 AND APRIL 30, ISN'T IT CORRECT TO SAY THAT
- 6 THE FIRST SENTENCE ON THE BOARD COMES FROM INFORMATION THAT
- 7 WAS WRITTEN BY THE CONGRESSMAN?
- 8 MR. HART: I NEED TO POSE AN OBJECTION BELATEDLY THAT
- 9 ALL OF THESE EXHIBITS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES ON THAT ISSUE.
- 10 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. OVERRULED.
- 11 YOU MAY RESPOND, SIR.
- 12 THE WITNESS: I'D LIKE TO SEE, AGAIN, THE FIRST --
- 13 THE FIRST SENTENCE ON THE BOARD. COULD YOU --
- 14 MR. VOSS: YOUR ATTORNEY PUT IT THERE.
- 15 THE WITNESS: I SAW THIS IN THE LETTER FROM
- 16 DR. THANG, IN THE ARTICLE OF DR. THANG.
- 17 BY MR. VOSS:
- 18 Q AND ISN'T IT CORRECT TO SAY THAT ALL DR. THANG
- 19 WAS DOING IN THAT ARTICLE WAS RESTATING WHAT THE CONGRESSMAN
- 20 HAD STATED IN HIS LETTERS, NOTHING MORE?
- 21 A DR. THANG DID WRITE THIS LETTER, YEAH.
- 22 Q AND THE SOURCE OF THAT STATEMENT --
- A AND THE ARTICLE.
- 24 Q -- IS FROM THE CONGRESSMAN'S LETTERS; RIGHT?
- 25 A AND THE ARTICLE WAS ON, I REMEMBER WELL,
- 26 MAY 25, 2020.



- 1 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. MOVE TO STRIKE AS
- NONRESPONSIVE. REQUEST THE COURT'S ASSISTANCE.
- 3 THE COURT: THAT WILL BE GRANTED. THAT LAST RESPONSE
- 4 WILL BE STRICKEN.
- 5 IT'S NOT ASKING FOR THE DATE OR ANYTHING
- 6 RELATED TO THE QUESTION -- EXCUSE ME, TO THE ARTICLE OR THE
- 7 STATEMENT. SO IF YOU WANT TO RESTATE IT ONE MORE TIME AND
- 8 THEN LISTEN CLOSELY TO THE QUESTION NOW.
- 9 BY MR. VOSS:
- 10 Q THE FIRST SENTENCE UP THERE IS NOTHING MORE
- 11 THAN A RESTATEMENT OF WHAT CONGRESSMAN DORNAN HAD WRITTEN IN
- 12 HIS TWO LETTERS FROM 1996; ISN'T THAT CORRECT?
- 13 A SO MR. DORNAN REFER TO THE STATEMENT BY
- 14 DR. THANG.
- 15 O WHERE DO YOU SEE THAT?
- 16 A THAT'S WHAT I UNDERSTAND WHEN I READ THE LETTER
- 17 FROM DR. THANG, THE ARTICLE OF DR. THANG.
- 18 Q SO DID YOU MISUNDERSTAND? NOW THAT YOU'VE
- 19 LOOKED AT ALL THIS, PERHAPS DID YOU MISUNDERSTAND THE
- 20 STATEMENT; THAT IT'S NOT FROM DR. THANG, BUT HE IS SIMPLY
- 21 REPEATING WHAT THE CONGRESSMAN SAID?
- 22 A AND I WOULD LIKE TO REFER THAT DR. THANG
- 23 REPEATED THESE KIND OF STATEMENT IN OTHER ARTICLE TOO THAT
- 24 HE'S WRITING.
- 25 Q BUT YOU WOULD AGREE WITH ME THAT IN THIS
- 26 ARTICLE, IN THAT STATEMENT ON THE BOARD, HE IS, IN YOUR WORDS,



- 1 REPEATING WHAT THE CONGRESSMAN SAID; IS THAT CORRECT?
- 2 MR. HART: OBJECTION. IT MISCHARACTERIZES THE TWO
- 3 EXHIBITS FROM DORNAN.
- 4 THE WITNESS: I COULDN'T SAY THAT HE WOULD --
- 5 THE COURT: WAIT. DR. KHOA -- OR, EXCUSE ME,
- 6 PROFESSOR KHOA, WAIT JUST ONE MOMENT, PLEASE.
- 7 OVERRULED AS TO THE QUESTION.
- 8 YOU MAY RESPOND NOW, SIR.
- 9 THE WITNESS: I COULDN'T SAY IF HE REPEAT IT OR NOT.
- 10 BY MR. VOSS:
- 11 Q SO I THOUGHT I HEARD --
- 12 THE COURT: HOLD ON. WAIT. LET HIM FINISH.
- 13 YOU MAY FINISH YOUR RESPONSE, SIR.
- 14 THE WITNESS: I COULD SAY THAT THIS IS THE OWN WORDS
- 15 OF DR. THANG. THAT'S WHAT I KNOW. I'M SURE THAT I KNOW.
- 16 BY MR. VOSS:
- 17 Q IF I UNDERSTOOD YOUR ANSWER TO THE PRIOR
- 18 QUESTION, YOU STATED THAT HE HAD REPEATED THE STATEMENTS BY
- 19 THE CONGRESSMAN NOT JUST HERE, BUT IN OTHER ARTICLES AS WELL.
- 20 AM I CORRECTLY SAYING WHAT YOU SAID TO US A FEW
- 21 MOMENTS AGO?
- 22 A I DID NOT SAY THAT DR. THANG REPEATED THE
- 23 STATEMENT OF THE CONGRESSMAN, BUT I SAID THAT HE WROTE HIS
- 24 STATEMENT IN OTHER ARTICLE.
- 25 Q OKAY. WELL, WE'LL LOOK AT THE RECORD.
- 26 MR. KHOA, IS IT CORRECT TO SAY THAT WHEN



- 1 DR. THANG WROTE THIS STATEMENT IN HIS ARTICLE, HE WAS MERELY
- 2 REPEATING THE INFORMATION THAT HE HAD LEARNED FROM THE
- 3 CONGRESSMAN?
- 4 A I CANNOT SAY THAT.
- 5 MR. HART: OBJECTION. CALLS FOR SPECULATION.
- 6 THE COURT: WAIT. GO AHEAD.
- 7 MR. HART: CALLS FOR SPECULATION.
- 8 THE COURT: SUSTAINED.
- 9 BY MR. VOSS:
- 10 Q ISN'T IS IT CORRECT TO SAY THAT THAT STATEMENT
- 11 MERELY REPEATS THE INFORMATION CONTAINED, IN PART, IN THE
- 12 LETTERS OF APRIL 2 AND APRIL 30, 1996, FROM CONGRESSMAN
- 13 DORNAN?
- 14 MR. HART: OBJECTION. MISCHARACTERIZES THE EXHIBIT.
- 15 THE COURT: SUSTAINED.
- 16 IF YOU WANT TO REPHRASE.
- 17 BY MR. VOSS:
- 18 Q THIS SENTENCE THAT YOU "FALSELY CLAIMED HE HELD
- 19 A DOCTORAL DEGREE IN THE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE
- 20 DEPARTMENT OF STATE," THAT'S WHAT THE CONGRESSMAN SAYS IN
- 21 PARAGRAPH 5 IS A CONCERN OF HIS, IN HIS APRIL 30 LETTER;
- 22 RIGHT?
- MR. HART: OBJECTION. MISCHARACTERIZES THE EXHIBIT.
- THE COURT: SUSTAINED.
- MR. VOSS: OKAY. I'LL REREAD IT.
- 26 BY MR. VOSS:



- 1 Q "MR. KHOA'S SELF-PROMOTION AS A PH.D. HOWEVER,
- 2 HE RECENTLY ADMITTED HE DOES NOT HAVE SUCH A DEGREE. HIS
- 3 MISREPRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS MAY HAVE RESULTED IN
- 4 RECEIVING STATE DEPARTMENT GRANTS OVER COMPETING APPLICANTS."
- 5 MR. HART: OBJECTION. THAT'S AN INCOMPLETE READING
- 6 OF THE EXHIBIT.
- 7 THE COURT: OVERRULED.
- 8 WE'VE WENT THIS PATH. THAT'S AN ACCURATE
- 9 READING OF THOSE SENTENCES.
- 10 MR. HART: VERY GOOD.
- 11 BY MR. VOSS:
- 12 Q NOW, WHEN YOU LOOK AT THAT STATEMENT ON THE
- 13 CONGRESSMAN'S LETTERHEAD, AND YOU LOOK AT THE SENTENCE ON THE
- 14 BOARD, ISN'T IT FAIR TO SAY THAT WHEN DR. THANG WROTE THAT, HE
- 15 WAS REASONABLE IN REPEATING WHAT HE HAD LEARNED HERE IN
- 16 APRIL 30TH?
- 17 A I CAN'T SAY DR. THANG REPEATED THIS STATEMENT
- 18 BY THE CONGRESSMAN, BECAUSE HE WROTE THIS SEVERAL TIMES IN
- 19 OTHER ARTICLES AND OTHER LETTERS.
- 20 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. MOVE TO STRIKE AS TO "OTHER
- 21 ARTICLES."
- 22 THE COURT: SUSTAINED. LET ME SEE.
- 23 BY MR. VOSS:
- Q AGAIN --
- 25 THE COURT: WAIT. I NEED TO BE CLEAR. SO WHAT WILL
- 26 REMAIN IS: "I CAN'T SAY THAT DR. THANG REPEATED THIS



- 1 STATEMENT BY CONGRESSMAN," AND THE BALANCE OF THAT WILL BE
- 2 STRICKEN BECAUSE IT REFERS TO OTHER ARTICLES.
- 3 BY MR. VOSS:
- 4 Q THE APRIL 2 LETTER, WHICH REFERENCES THE EFFORT
- 5 TO SECURE GOVERNMENT FUNDS, MISREPRESENTATION OF YOU AS A
- 6 DOCTOR, AND AN ADMISSION IN THE FACE OF PUBLIC INQUIRY THAT
- 7 YOU'RE NOT A DOCTOR, WHETHER YOU DISAGREE WITH THAT OR NOT,
- 8 WOULD YOU AGREE THAT THAT INFORMATION COMES FROM THE
- 9 CONGRESSMAN, NOT FROM DR. THANG?
- 10 MR. HART: OBJECTION. CALLS FOR SPECULATION.
- 11 THE COURT: SUSTAINED.
- 12 BY MR. VOSS:
- 13 O WOULD YOU AGREE THAT IT COMES FROM THE
- 14 CONGRESSMAN?
- 15 A THE LETTER IS FROM MR. DORNAN, YES, BUT --
- 16 Q AND DOESN'T IT --
- 17 THE COURT: LET'S SEE. GO AHEAD -- IF YOU HAVE MORE
- 18 TO THAT RESPONSE, THEN WE'LL GO DOWN THAT PATH. IF YOU HAVE
- 19 ANYTHING FURTHER TO ADD TO THAT RESPONSE THAT IS RESPONSIVE TO
- 20 THE QUESTION ASKED, THEN YOU MAY DO SO.
- 21 THE WITNESS: THE LETTER FROM MR. DORNAN IS ONE
- 22 THING, BUT WHETHER DR. THANG REPEATED THE STATEMENT OF
- 23 MR. DORNAN IS ANOTHER THING. AND I DENY THAT. I -- I DON'T
- 24 THINK THAT HE REPEAT IT.
- 25 BY MR. VOSS:
- 26 Q OKAY. SO IS THERE ANY OTHER SOURCE OF



- 1 INFORMATION, OF WHICH YOU'RE AWARE, WHERE IT WAS SUGGESTED
- 2 THAT YOU FALSELY HELD A DOCTORAL DEGREE IN THE APPLICATION FOR
- 3 A GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE?
- 4 A DR. THANG SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THAT. I CAN'T
- 5 ANSWER FOR HIM --
- 6 Q HE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THAT? WHY SHOULD HE --
- 7 THE COURT: WAIT. WAIT. WAIT.
- 8 YOU MAY FINISH, SIR. YOU MAY FINISH YOUR
- 9 RESPONSE, MR. KHOA.
- 10 THE WITNESS: OKAY. SO LET ME SAY CLEARLY THAT THE
- 11 LETTER IS FROM MR. DORNAN, BUT I CAN'T SAY THAT THIS IS --
- 12 DR. THANG REPEAT THE STATEMENT BY -- BY MR. DORNAN.
- MR. VOSS: ALL RIGHT.
- 14 THE COURT: LET ME JUST PAUSE FOR A SECOND. SO WE
- 15 KEEP REFERRING TO THE STATE- -- JUST FOR PURPOSES OF THE
- 16 RECORD, WHY DON'T WE READ THE STATEMENT ON THE BOARD SO THAT
- 17 IT'S IN THE RECORD, BECAUSE IT'S BEEN QUITE A WHILE SINCE
- 18 WE'VE BEEN AROUND AND AROUND.
- 19 SO GO AHEAD, IF YOU COULD. I HAVE A BAD ANGLE
- 20 HERE.
- 21 MR. VOSS: AND IN ALL FAIRNESS, I'VE ONLY BEEN
- 22 ADDRESSING THE FIRST SENTENCE IN THAT STATEMENT. SO TO READ
- 23 FOR CLARITY, IT WILL BE EXCLUDING THE LAST FOUR WORDS, FIVE
- 24 WORDS.
- 25 SO THE STATEMENT ON THE BOARD SAYS: "MR. KHOA
- 26 FALSELY CLAIMED THAT HE HELD A DOCTORAL DEGREE IN THE



- 1 APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE."
- THE COURT: SO THAT'S WHAT YOU'VE BEEN REFERRING TO
- 3 THROUGHOUT THE --
- 4 MR. VOSS: REFERENCES, YEAH.
- 5 THE COURT: THAT'S FINE. I JUST WANTED IT SO WE HAVE
- 6 IT CLEAR IN THE RECORD, SO IT WASN'T JUST AMBIGUOUS TO WHAT
- 7 YOU WERE REFERRING TO.
- 8 MR. VOSS: I THOUGHT I'D READ IT, BUT I APOLOGIZE.
- 9 THE COURT: YOU MAY CONTINUE WITH YOUR NEXT OUESTION.
- 10 BY MR. VOSS:
- 11 Q ALL RIGHT. SO DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION TO
- 12 SUGGEST THAT DR. THANG WAS NOT RELYING ON THESE STATEMENTS BY
- 13 THE CONGRESSMAN WHEN HE WROTE THE STATEMENT IN OUESTION?
- 14 A I HAVE NO SUCH INFORMATION.
- O OKAY.
- 16 A BUT I KNOW THAT, AS A PROFESSOR AT JOHNS
- 17 HOPKINS AND AS PROFESSOR FROM VIETNAM, UNIVERSITY OF SAIGON,
- 18 VICE PRESIDENT OF UNIVERSITY OF SAIGON AND --
- 19 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. MOVE TO STRIKE.
- 20 NONRESPONSIVE.
- THE COURT: MR. KHOA, THERE'S NOT A QUESTION PENDING
- 22 AT THIS TIME. SO THAT LAST STATEMENT WILL BE STRICKEN,
- 23 DISREGARDED BY THE JURY.
- 24 THE WITNESS: WELL, YOUR HONOR, I JUST SAY THAT --
- THE COURT: WAIT. MR. HART WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY
- 26 TO FOLLOW UP WITH YOU AND ASK ANY CLARIFYING QUESTIONS OR



- 1 ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR TESTIMONY. BUT RIGHT NOW IT'S MR. VOSS'
- 2 OPPORTUNITY, SO WE HAVE TO JUST ANSWER MR. VOSS' QUESTION.
- 3 MR. VOSS: YOUR HONOR, I'M GOING TO HAVE A
- 4 SIGNIFICANT SHIFT OF GEARS AT THIS POINT. I DIDN'T KNOW --
- 5 THE COURT: WELL, LET'S KEEP GOING FOR A LITTLE BIT
- 6 SO WE GET A FAIR AMOUNT OF TIME HERE BEFORE THE BREAK.
- 7 BY MR. VOSS:
- 8 Q OKAY. I'D ASK THE WITNESS TO TURN TO EXHIBIT
- 9 NUMBER 212.
- 10 MR. HART: YOUR HONOR, I'LL HELP HIM.
- 11 THE COURT: I WAS JUST GOING TO SAY, MR. HART, IF YOU
- 12 WANT TO APPROACH YOUR WITNESS AND HELP HIM SWITCH BINDERS.
- 13 EXHIBIT 212, IS THAT WHERE WE'RE --
- MR. HART: THAT'S CORRECT, YOUR HONOR.
- 15 THE COURT: THANK YOU.
- 16 MR. VOSS: GIVE HIM AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THAT.
- 17 THE COURT: MR. KHOA, IF COULD YOU TAKE A COUPLE
- 18 MOMENTS TO REVIEW EXHIBIT 212. I THINK IT'S TWO PAGES. TAKE
- 19 YOUR TIME AND FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THAT DOCUMENT. OKAY?
- THE WITNESS: YES.
- 21 BY MR. VOSS:
- 22 Q ARE YOU READY TO PROCEED, SIR? YOU'VE HAD AN
- 23 OPPORTUNITY TO READ IT?
- 24 A CAN I ANSWER NOW?
- THE COURT: YES.
- 26 THE WITNESS: THIS IS WRITTEN BY MY STAFF.



- 1 THE COURT: WAIT. HE JUST WANTS TO KNOW, AT
- 2 THIS POINT, IF YOU'VE LOOKED AT THIS. SO NOW LET'S LISTEN TO
- 3 WHAT HIS QUESTIONS ARE.
- 4 YOU MAY ASK YOUR QUESTIONS, MR. VOSS.
- 5 MR. VOSS: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.
- 6 BY MR. VOSS:
- 7 Q SO IS IT CORRECT TO SAY THAT EXHIBIT 212 IS A
- 8 STATEMENT OF YOUR BIOGRAPHICAL DATA? THAT'S WHAT IT SAYS ON
- 9 THE TOP; RIGHT?
- 10 A YES.
- 11 Q AND THIS BIOGRAPHICAL DATA ABOUT YOU IS
- 12 CONTAINED ON INDOCHINA RESOURCE ACTION CENTER LETTERHEAD;
- 13 ISN'T THAT CORRECT?
- 14 A YES.
- 15 O AND WE DON'T SEE A SIGNATURE OR AN AUTHOR
- 16 ANYWHERE ON THIS; RIGHT?
- 17 A IT WAS NO SIGNATURE OR AUTHOR NAME.
- 18 Q OKAY. BUT HAVE YOU SEEN THIS DOCUMENT BEFORE?
- A YES.
- 20 Q AND IS IT CORRECT TO SAY THAT THIS DOCUMENT WAS
- 21 USED BY I.R.A.C. DURING THE TIME YOU WERE PRESIDENT OF THE
- 22 ORGANIZATION?
- 23 A THIS DOCUMENT IS WRITTEN BY THE STAFF TO
- 24 INTRODUCE ME TO THE AUDIENCE OR TO FOREIGNERS OR TO VISITORS
- 25 OR --
- 26 Q AND THAT WAS DONE WHILE YOU WERE THE PRESIDENT



- 1 OF THE ORGANIZATION; RIGHT?
- 2 A YES.
- 3 AND AS I SAID YESTERDAY, THAT I ACCEPT THE FACT
- 4 THAT PROFESSOR OR DOCTOR WAS --
- 5 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. MOVE TO STRIKE BEYOND "YES."
- THE WITNESS: -- IT WAS INTERCHANGEABLY.
- THE COURT: MR. KHOA, WE'RE GETTING BEYOND THE
- 8 QUESTION THERE.
- 9 SO THE MOTION TO STRIKE WILL BE GRANTED.
- 10 EVERYTHING AFTER "YES" WILL BE STRICKEN AND DISREGARDED BY THE
- 11 JURY, PLEASE.
- 12 BY MR. VOSS:
- 13 Q SO I BELIEVE YOU JUST SAID THIS BIOGRAPHICAL
- 14 DATA FROM I.R.A.C. ABOUT YOU WAS PROVIDED TO INTRODUCE PEOPLE
- 15 TO YOU WHEN YOU WERE BEING A SPEAKER, OR HOW WAS IT USED?
- A YES.
- 17 THE COURT: HE RESPONDED WITH "YES."
- MR. VOSS: OKAY.
- 19 BY MR. VOSS:
- 20 Q AND IS IT ALSO FAIR TO SAY THAT IT WAS USED FOR
- 21 MANY YEARS?
- 22 A IT WAS NOT A DATE IN HERE. I CAN'T SAY HOW
- 23 MANY YEARS. OKAY.
- 24 Q I'M ASKING YOU YOUR RECOLLECTION. IS IT FAIR
- 25 TO SAY THAT YOU RECOLLECT THIS BIOGRAPHICAL DATA ABOUT YOU
- 26 BEING USED BY I.R.A.C. FOR MANY YEARS WHILE YOU WERE THE



- 1 PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANIZATION?
- 2 A YES.
- 3 Q AND IN THIS DOCUMENT, ISN'T IT CORRECT TO SAY
- 4 THAT IN PARAGRAPH 2, IT STARTS BY SAYING: "DR. KHOA HAS BEEN
- 5 ACTIVE IN REFUGEE AFFAIRS"?
- A YES.
- 7 Q AND IN THE FINAL PARAGRAPH OF YOUR BIOGRAPHIC
- 8 DATA USED BY I.R.A.C. WHEN YOU WERE PRESIDENT, DOESN'T IT ALSO
- 9 SAY THAT: "DR. KHOA WAS FORMERLY DEPUTY MINISTER OF CULTURE
- 10 AND EDUCATION"?
- 11 A YES.
- 12 Q AND AS PRESIDENT OF I.R.A.C., YOU COULD HAVE
- 13 CORRECTED THAT ANY TIME YOU WANTED, COULDN'T YOU?
- 14 A YEAH, IF NECESSARY.
- 15 O SO WE HAVE YOUR BIOGRAPHICAL DATA TO INTRODUCE
- 16 YOU REFERRING TO YOU AS DR. KHOA, NOT ONCE BUT TWICE, AND YOU
- 17 COULD HAVE CORRECTED IT BUT NEVER DID; IS THAT CORRECT?
- 18 A YEAH, BUT IN THE SAME DOCUMENT, NOT IN
- 19 DIFFERENT TIMES.
- 20 MR. VOSS: I MOVE THAT EXHIBIT NUMBER 212 BE RECEIVED
- 21 INTO EVIDENCE.
- 22 MR. HART: OBJECT. HEARSAY AND RELEVANCE.
- THE COURT: OVERRULED AS TO BOTH OF THOSE. IT'S NOT
- 24 OFFERED FOR THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER AND ALSO A PARTY-OPPONENT.
- 25 THAT IS ADMITTED, JUST SO THE RECORD'S CLEAR.
- 26 (EXHIBIT 212 ADMITTED.)



- 1 MR. VOSS: NEXT, DIRECT THE WITNESS' ATTENTION TO
- 2 EXHIBIT NUMBER 213.
- 3 THE COURT: SO THE NEXT EXHIBIT TAB THERE, MR. KHOA,
- 4 SEE THOSE NUMBERED TABS DOWN THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE, IF YOU COULD
- 5 TURN TO 213. THAT LOOKS LIKE IT.
- MR. VOSS: MAY I PROCEED?
- 7 THE COURT: YES.
- 8 BY MR. VOSS:
- 9 Q DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS DOCUMENT, SIR?
- 10 THE COURT: TAKE YOUR TIME TO REVIEW IT.
- 11 THE WITNESS: YEAH, I SEE THAT.
- 12 BY MR. VOSS:
- 13 Q ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE VIETNAMESE AMERICAN
- 14 EDUCATION FOUNDATION?
- 15 A NOT VERY MUCH, BUT I KNOW THEM. OKAY.
- 16 Q IS IT FAIR TO SAY THAT YOU WERE, IN FACT, A
- 17 DIRECTOR OF THE VIETNAMESE AMERICAN EDUCATION FOUNDATION?
- 18 A YES.
- 19 Q AND IF YOU LOOK ON THIS PAGE, NEAR THE BOTTOM,
- 20 THERE'S A LIST OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND THE
- 21 V.A.E.F. DIRECTORS.
- DO YOU SEE THAT THERE?
- 23 A YES, I SEE THAT.
- 24 Q AND ONE OF THOSE DIRECTORS IS YOU; RIGHT?
- A YES.
- 26 Q AND READING FROM THAT DOCUMENT, IT SAYS: "KHOA



- 1 XUAN LE, PH.D., DIRECTOR OF INDOCHINESE RESOURCE ACTION
- 2 CENTER."
- 3 DO YOU SEE THAT?
- 4 A SO THIS IS FROM OTHER PEOPLE, FROM OTHER
- 5 ORGANIZATIONS, NOT FROM MYSELF.
- Q DO YOU SEE THAT THERE?
- 7 A MY STAFF OR OTHER PEOPLE THAT I --
- 8 THE COURT: MR. KHOA, WE'RE GETTING AHEAD OF
- 9 OURSELVES THERE. THE OUESTION IS SIMPLY WHETHER OR NOT YOU
- 10 SEE THAT STATEMENT ON THE PAGE.
- 11 THE WITNESS: YES, I SEE THAT.
- 12 BY MR. VOSS:
- 13 Q OKAY. AS A DIRECTOR OF THE VIETNAMESE AMERICAN
- 14 EDUCATION FOUNDATION THAT HELD YOU OUT AS A PH.D., DID YOU
- 15 EVER TAKE ANY ACTION TO CORRECT THAT STATEMENT?
- 16 MR. HART: OBJECTION. FOUNDATION.
- 17 THE COURT: SUSTAINED.
- 18 BY MR. VOSS:
- 19 Q YOU'VE SEEN THIS BEFORE, RIGHT, THIS DOCUMENT?
- 20 A YES, I SEE -- I'VE SEEN THIS.
- 21 Q OKAY. DO YOU HAVE ANY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT
- 22 IT'S INCORRECTLY PRODUCED HERE TO YOU TODAY, OR IS IT A TRUE
- 23 AND CORRECT COPY?
- 24 A YOU KEEP READING THAT PH.D. THING, WHICH I SAY
- 25 THAT NOT FOR MYSELF.
- 26 Q IS THIS DOCUMENT A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY, AS



- 1 FAR AS YOU KNOW, OF THE VIETNAMESE AMERICAN EDUCATION
- 2 FOUNDATION INTRODUCTION HOMEPAGE, THAT IT SAYS ON THE TOP?
- 3 MR. HART: OBJECTION. YOUR HONOR, IT'S ONE PAGE,
- 4 WHICH PURPORTS TO BE PAGE 10 OF SOMETHING ELSE. WE DON'T HAVE
- 5 ANY FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT WHERE THIS DOCUMENT CAME FROM.
- 6 THE COURT: OVERRULED.
- 7 HE'S JUST ASKED IF HE'S FAMILIAR WITH THIS OR
- 8 IT'S ACCURATE. THAT'S THE EXTENT OF IT. WE'LL SEE HOW MUCH
- 9 FOUNDATION WE GET, ONE QUESTION AT A TIME.
- 10 MR. HART: VERY GOOD, YOUR HONOR.
- 11 THE COURT: WHY DON'T YOU RESTATE THE OUESTION,
- 12 MR. VOSS.
- 13 BY MR. VOSS:
- 14 Q DO YOU BELIEVE THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY
- 15 OF THE VIETNAMESE AMERICAN EDUCATION FOUNDATION INTRODUCTION
- 16 HOMEPAGE, THIS ONE PAGE?
- 17 A I SAY THAT I SEE THIS. I CANNOT SAY THAT I'M
- 18 FAMILIAR WITH THESE THINGS, BECAUSE IT -- IT HAPPENS THAT SO
- 19 MANY ORGANIZATION, SO MANY OTHER PEOPLE CALL ME "DOCTOR," AND
- 20 I ACCEPT THE FACT THAT I DON'T NEED TO CORRECT EVERY TIME.
- 21 Q OKAY. SO IS IT CORRECT TO SAY, THEN, THAT YOU
- 22 BELIEVE THIS TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE DOCUMENT?
- 23 MR. HART: OBJECTION. MISSTATES HIS TESTIMONY.
- 24 THE COURT: SUSTAINED.
- 25 BY MR. VOSS:
- 26 Q IS THERE ANYTHING ON THIS DOCUMENT THAT YOU



- 1 BELIEVE TO HAVE BEEN ALTERED IN ANY WAY FROM WHEN YOU SAW IT?
- A I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T THINK SO.
- 3 Q AND YOU DID SEE IT IN THE PAST; CORRECT?
- 4 A YES.
- 5 MR. VOSS: MOVE THAT IT BE RECEIVED INTO EVIDENCE.
- 6 MR. HART: OBJECTION. RELEVANCE AND HEARSAY.
- 7 THE COURT: ANYTHING ELSE?
- 8 MR. HART: WELL, GIVE ME A MINUTE, AND I'LL THINK
- 9 ABOUT IT.
- 10 THE COURT: WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TO GET THIS ONE IN
- 11 AT THIS POINT IN TIME FOUNDATIONALLY.
- MR. HART: FOUNDATION. SORRY.
- 13 THE COURT: WHY DON'T WE GO AHEAD -- WE'RE RIGHT AT
- 14 THAT 10:30 TIME. WHY DON'T WE GO AHEAD AND TAKE A BREAK, AND
- 15 THEN YOU CAN SEE WHERE TO PROCEED NEXT.
- 16 SO IT IS RIGHT -- WE'LL SAY IT'S 10:30. WE'LL
- 17 BE BACK AT 10:45, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, TO COMPLETE OUR
- 18 MORNING SESSION.
- 19 THANK YOU AGAIN SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.
- 20 (JURY EXCUSED FOR MORNING RECESS.)
- 21 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD IN OPEN COURT OUTSIDE THE
- 22 PRESENCE OF THE JURY:)
- THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. THEN WE ARE OUTSIDE THE
- 24 PRESENCE OF THE JURY. JUST TO KIND OF SPITBALL SCHEDULING. I
- 25 MEAN, I UNDERSTAND THE CHALLENGES, BUT, I MEAN, IN TERMS OF
- 26 MATERIAL STILL TO GO.



- 1 MR. VOSS: IT'S GOING REALLY SLOW.
- THE COURT: I UNDERSTAND. BUT IS THERE ANY --
- 3 MR. VOSS: I MEAN, AT THIS PACE, IT CERTAINLY IS
- 4 GOING TO BE A COUPLE MORE HOURS. I CAN'T -- IT'S TAKING ME --
- 5 THE COURT: I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHERE YOU ARE IN
- 6 TERMS OF -- LET ME DO IT THIS WAY: PERCENTAGE OF MATERIAL OR
- 7 TOPICS YOU WISH TO COVER AND HOW MUCH OF THAT HAVE YOU
- 8 COVERED? THAT MIGHT BE A FAIR EVALUATION POINT.
- 9 HALFWAY?
- 10 MR. VOSS: I LITERALLY HAVE IT. SO I CAN GIVE YOU AN
- 11 EXACT ESTIMATE OF THE -- JUST SHY OF HALFWAY.
- 12 MR. HART: IT'S FINE, JUDGE. IT IS WHAT IT IS.
- 13 THE COURT: IT IS, AND I'M NOT --
- 14 MR. HART: IF WE DON'T HAVE A LOT MORE WITNESSES,
- 15 THEN I THINK WE'RE FINE.
- 16 THE COURT: I'M NOT BUSTING ANYBODY'S CHOPS. I'M
- 17 JUST TRYING TO MANAGE, YOU KNOW, BREAKS AND TIMING AND THE
- 18 DAYS IS ALL. SO I'M GOING TO REPEATEDLY ASK THOSE QUESTIONS,
- 19 BUT THAT HELPS ME TO GAUGE WHERE WE ARE, WHAT'S NEXT.
- MR. VOSS: APOLOGIES.
- 21 THE COURT: LIKE I SAID, I'M NOT POINTING ANY FINGERS
- 22 AT ANYONE. I'M JUST TRYING TO GET AN UNDERSTANDING SO I CAN
- 23 MANAGE BREAKS AND DAYS AND THINGS ALONG THOSE LINES.
- 24 MR. HART: I THINK WITH THIS PARTICULAR WITNESS, IT'S
- 25 PROBLEMATIC FOR ALL OF US, AND I APPRECIATE THAT WE DON'T TRY
- 26 TO RUSH IT.



- 1 THE COURT: AND I DON'T THINK ANYBODY IS. YEAH,
- 2 WE'RE NOT GOING TO. BUT LIKE I SAID, I JUST NEED TO KIND OF
- 3 HAVE A SENSE OF HOW WE ARE PROGRESSING ALONG SO I CAN GAUGE
- 4 BREAKS AND, YOU KNOW, DAYS LEFT IN THE TRIALS AND THINGS ALONG
- 5 THOSE LINES. SO THAT'S ALL. IT WAS AN INNOCENT QUESTION.
- 6 MR. VOSS: AND WITH RESPECT TO THAT, I APOLOGIZE IF
- 7 I'M OCCASIONALLY STEPPING ON A FURTHER ANSWER. OFTENTIMES,
- 8 THE ANSWER COMES, THEN THERE'S A PAUSE. I MOVE INTO THE NEXT
- 9 QUESTION, AND MORE WORDS COME OUT. SO WHEN I HEAR THAT PAUSE,
- 10 I'M THINKING I'M OKAY TO MOVE ON.
- 11 THE COURT: WE'RE GOING TO ALL DO OUR VERY, VERY BEST
- 12 TO BE RESPECTFUL OF EVERYBODY'S OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THEIR
- 13 COMPLETE STATEMENTS. AND SO WE'LL NAVIGATE, AND I'M TRYING
- 14 TO DO AS MUCH AS I CAN TO --
- MR. VOSS: HELP.
- 16 THE COURT: -- NAVIGATE ALONG WITH EVERYBODY ELSE.
- 17 SO WE'LL CONTINUE WITH THOSE EFFORTS.
- 18 EVERYBODY HAVE A GOOD BREAK. AT 10:45, WE'LL
- 19 PICK BACK UP AT.
- 20 (MORNING RECESS.)
- 21 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD IN OPEN COURT OUTSIDE THE
- 22 PRESENCE OF THE JURY:)
- THE COURT: AND WE'RE BACK ON THE RECORD IN KHOA V.
- 24 THANG. WE ARE OUTSIDE THE PRESENCE OF THE JURY.
- 25 MR. VOSS, YOU HAD SOMETHING YOU WANTED TO RAISE
- 26 REAL QUICKLY?



- MR. VOSS: YES, REAL QUICKLY, YOUR HONOR. WE RENEW
- 2 OUR REQUEST THAT EXHIBIT 18 BE REMOVED AS A RECEIVED EXHIBIT.
- 3 THE COURT HAD CLEARLY INDICATED THAT THAT SAID DOCUMENT WAS
- 4 ADMITTED. AND I WROTE DOWN IN QUOTE, "ONLY ALLOWED FOR THE
- 5 SUGGESTION IT PROMPTED THE CONGRESSMAN'S INVESTIGATION."
- AT THE TIME THAT IT WAS RECEIVED, THE COURT WAS
- 7 NOT AWARE OF THE TIMELINE; IN OTHER WORDS, THAT THE
- 8 INVESTIGATION HAD ALREADY BEEN COMMENCED BEFORE THIS LETTER
- 9 WAS WRITTEN. TO EXTENT THAT IT IS THEREFORE RECEIVED AS THE
- 10 CAUSE OR THE PROMPTING OF THE CONGRESSMAN'S INVESTIGATION IS
- 11 OUTWEIGHED BY THE SUBSTANTIALLY INFLAMMATORY LANGUAGE
- 12 CONTAINED THEREIN, INCLUDING ATTEMPTS TO DOUBLE-CROSS AND
- 13 OTHER INFLAMMATORY LANGUAGE IN THE DOCUMENT.
- 14 AND WE, THEREFORE, SUBMIT THAT ITS PROBATIVE
- 15 VALUE, WHICH IS AT THIS POINT ZERO FOR PURPOSES OF IT BEING
- 16 THE SUGGESTION THAT IT PROMPTED THE INVESTIGATION, IS WELL
- 17 OUTWEIGHED BY ITS PREJUDICIAL EFFECT.
- 18 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. MR. HART, REAL QUICKLY,
- 19 BEFORE WE BRING IN THE JURY.
- 20 MR. HART: I DISAGREE THAT THE PROBATIVE VALUE IS
- 21 OUTWEIGHED. I DON'T THINK WE KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THE TOTAL
- 22 PROBATIVE VALUE THIS EXHIBIT IS.
- 23 AND I ALSO DON'T THINK MR. VOSS HAS PROVED THAT
- 24 IT HAS ZERO PROBATIVE VALUE. GIVEN THAT IT'S BEEN ADMITTED,
- 25 PUBLISHED AND DISCUSSED IN FRONT OF THE JURY, I THINK IT'S A
- 26 LITTLE LATE TO TRY TO PULL IT BACK.



- 1 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. SO I'LL THINK ABOUT IT, BUT
- 2 I'M NOT INCLINED -- IT'S NOT A MATTER OF DISPROVING SOMETHING,
- 3 AND SO I THINK -- I THINK THE JURY, IF SOMEONE WANTS TO -- I
- 4 MEAN, IF IT'S OFFERED FOR A PURPOSE, AND THE JURY IS NOT
- 5 CONVINCED OF IT, THEN EVERYBODY, AS WITH ANY OTHER PIECE OF
- 6 EVIDENCE OR ARGUMENT, ALWAYS RUNS THE RISK OF THE HIGHLY
- 7 TECHNICAL TERM "EGG ON YOUR FACE."
- 8 MR. VOSS: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.
- 9 THE COURT: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
- 10 MR. HART: THANK YOU, JUDGE.
- 11 THE COURT: WE GOT EVERYBODY THERE, DONNIE?
- 12 COURTROOM ATTENDANT: WE DO, YOUR HONOR.
- 13 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. LET'S GIVE MR. KHOA A MOMENT
- 14 SO -- BECAUSE THEY ARE SO EXCITED TO COME IN, I DON'T WANT
- 15 THEM STAMPEDING HIM.
- 16 ALL RIGHT. THEN, YES, THEN WE CAN BRING THEM
- 17 IN NOW.
- 18 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD IN OPEN COURT IN THE
- 19 PRESENCE OF THE JURY:)
- 20 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. THEN WE HAVE BEEN REJOINED BY
- 21 ALL OF OUR JURORS. THANK YOU YET AGAIN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.
- 22 AND, MR. VOSS, WE WILL DIVE RIGHT BACK IN.
- MR. VOSS: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.
- 24 YOUR HONOR, WE'RE GOING TO GO BACK TO
- 25 EXHIBIT NUMBER 212, PLEASE.
- 26 THE COURT: 212. ALL RIGHT. THEN, MR. KHOA, WE'RE



- 1 GOING TO TURN BACK TO A DIFFERENT EXHIBIT, TO EXHIBIT 212.
- THE WITNESS: 212.
- 3 THE COURT: SO BACK THE OTHER DIRECTION. THERE WE
- 4 GO. THAT'S IT RIGHT THERE.
- 5 THE WITNESS: THANK YOU, SIR.
- 6 BY MR. VOSS:
- 7 Q DR. KHOA, THIS IS, AGAIN, THE DOCUMENT WITH
- 8 YOUR BIOGRAPHICAL DATA. IT MAKES REFERENCE TO A NUMBER OF
- 9 ACTIVITIES OF YOURS, INCLUDING THAT: "FOR THE PAST 17 YEARS,
- 10 KHOA'S WORKED WITH NUMEROUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS
- 11 AND HAS SPOKEN AND WRITTEN ON A WIDE VARIETY OF ISSUES ON
- 12 REFUGEE PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE."
- 13 DO YOU AGREE THAT THAT STATEMENT'S ACCURATE?
- 14 A THE STATEMENT IS CORRECT.
- 15 O IT GOES ON IN YOUR BIO TO SAY: "HE IS THE
- 16 CHIEF EDITOR OF THE BRIDGE, A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION PRODUCED
- 17 BY I.R.A.C. SINCE 1984."
- 18 ALSO A CORRECT STATEMENT?
- 19 A IT'S ALSO A CORRECT STATEMENT.
- 20 Q IT SAYS: "HE HAS TESTIFIED MANY TIMES BEFORE
- 21 THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE, ON REFUGEE
- 22 POLICIES AND PROGRAMS."
- 23 CORRECT STATEMENT?
- 24 A YEAH, I TESTIFY PLENTY OF TIME BEFORE THE
- 25 CONGRESS.
- 26 Q IS IT ALSO CORRECT TO SAY THAT YOU HAD



- 1 "ATTENDED MANY INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS ON REFUGEE PROTECTION,
- 2 HUMAN RIGHTS, AND DURABLE SOLUTIONS TO THE INDOCHINESE REFUGEE
- 3 PROBLEM"?
- 4 A YES, I ATTEND MANY MEETINGS, INTERNATIONAL
- 5 MEETINGS.
- 6 Q IS IT ALSO CORRECT TO SAY THAT "MANY SENATORS
- 7 AND REPRESENTATIVES AND INTERNATIONAL POLICYMAKERS HAVE
- 8 PRAISED YOU FOR RESOURCEFULNESS"?
- 9 A YES.
- 10 O WOULD YOU AGREE WITH THE STATEMENT THAT YOU ARE
- 11 A "PUBLIC PERSON IN THE COMMUNITY FOR YOUR HUMANITARIAN AND
- 12 COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT WORK"?
- 13 MR. HART: OBJECTION. VAGUE AS TO TIME.
- 14 THE COURT: DO WE HAVE--
- 15 THE WITNESS: YES.
- 16 THE COURT: WAIT JUST ONE MOMENT, MR. KHOA. WE'RE
- 17 GOING TO LOOK FOR SOME --
- 18 IS THAT A STATEMENT STRAIGHT FROM --
- 19 MR. VOSS: WELL, SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NUMBER 22
- 20 RESPONSE, AMENDED RESPONSE. IT'S NOT IN THIS DOCUMENT.
- 21 THE COURT: OKAY. SO YOU CHANGED GEARS ON US.
- MR. VOSS: YEAH.
- THE COURT: WELL, THEN, WHY DON'T WE RESTATE THE
- 24 QUESTION SO WE HAVE A BETTER SENSE OF IT THEN.
- 25 BY MR. VOSS:
- 26 Q IN YOUR AMENDED RESPONSES TO SPECIAL



- 1 INTERROGATORIES, YOU STATED THAT, QUOTE: "I AM A PUBLIC
- 2 PERSON IN THE COMMUNITY FOR MY HUMANITARIAN AND COMMUNITY
- 3 EMPOWERMENT WORK."
- 4 IS THAT A CORRECT AND ACCURATE STATEMENT?
- 5 A I SAY THAT, YES, I MET -- I TESTIFIED BEFORE
- 6 THE CONGRESS, AND I ATTEND MANY CONFERENCES. BUT WHETHER I'M
- 7 A PUBLIC PERSON, THAT'S UP TO THE PUBLIC. I DON'T KNOW.
- 8 Q BUT YOU SAID IN YOUR OWN INTERROGATORY ANSWERS
- 9 THAT YOU ARE A PUBLIC PERSON IN THE COMMUNITY; RIGHT?
- 10 A YES, I SAY THAT.
- 11 Q WAS IT ALSO CORRECT TO SAY, WHEN YOU ANSWERED
- 12 THAT, QUOTE: "I HAD MANY READERS AND VIEWERS OF MY PUBLISHED
- 13 BOOK, ARTICLES, OR VIDEOS"?
- 14 IS THAT TRUTHFUL AND CORRECT?
- 15 A YEAH, WHAT I SAID IN THE BOOK AND WHAT I SAID
- 16 TO THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE CORRECT.
- 17 Q THEN YOU HAVE MANY READERS AND VIEWERS;
- 18 CORRECT?
- 19 A YEAH, I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OF THEM.
- 20 Q WELL, ISN'T IT ALSO CORRECT THAT YOU ANSWERED
- 21 IN YOUR INTERROGATORY THAT A VIDEO INTERVIEW OF YOU BY THE BBC
- 22 WAS VIEWED BY 5.6 MILLION PEOPLE, WITH ALMOST 6,000 COMMENTS?
- 23 A THAT'S ON VIETNAM, NOTHING ABOUT R.O.V.R. OR
- 24 WHATEVER.
- 25 O YOU'VE GOT AN ENORMOUS NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT
- 26 HAVE HEARD YOU TESTIFY ON A VARIETY OF TOPICS RELATING TO



- 1 VIETNAM; ISN'T THAT CORRECT?
- 2 A I LEARNED THAT MANY OF THEM ARE IN VIETNAM.
- 3 THIS IS FOR THE VIETNAMESE READERS.
- 4 Q IS IT CORRECT TO SAY THAT YOU HAVE NOT EVER
- 5 CORRECTED PEOPLE WHO REFERENCED YOU AS A "DOCTOR"?
- A I DON'T SAY THAT I HAVE NOT EVER CORRECTED.
- 7 SOMETIME, ESPECIALLY IN THE BEGINNING, BUT THEN I CANNOT AND I
- 8 DO NOT WANT TO CORRECT EVERY TIME.
- 9 O WHEN IS THE LAST TIME YOU EVER RECOLLECT
- 10 CORRECTING ANYONE FROM REFERRING TO YOU AS "DOCTOR"?
- 11 A I DON'T REMEMBER WHEN IS THE LAST TIME.
- 12 Q YOU SAID "IN THE BEGINNING." CAN YOU ESTIMATE
- 13 FOR ME WHAT YOU MEANT BY "IN THE BEGINNING," WHAT YEAR THAT
- 14 MIGHT BE OR WHAT DECADE?
- 15 A IN THE FIRST YEARS, WHEN I ARRIVE IN THE U.S.
- 16 Q SO IN THE 1970S WOULD BE THE LAST TIME YOU
- 17 CORRECTED ANYONE FROM REFERRING TO YOU AS "DOCTOR"; IS THAT
- 18 CORRECT?
- 19 A WELL, IN THE EARLY '80S.
- Q MAYBE.
- 21 DO YOU RECOLLECT ANY PARTICULAR TIME IN THE
- 22 EARLY '80S WHERE YOU CORRECTED ANYONE FROM REFERRING TO YOU AS
- 23 "DOCTOR"?
- 24 A I COULDN'T REMEMBER THAT SPECIFICALLY.
- 25 Q SAME QUESTIONS, BUT DO YOU RECOLLECT EVER
- 26 CORRECTING PEOPLE REFERENCING YOU AS A PH.D.?



- A YES, AROUND THE LATE '70 AND EARLY '80S.
- 2 Q AND THAT TIME FRAME WOULD BE PRIOR TO THE FIRST
- 3 OF ANY GRANT APPLICATIONS BEING SUBMITTED TO THE
- 4 UNITED STATES, CORRECT, BY YOU OR S.E.A.R.A.C. OR I.R.A.C.?
- 5 A I CAN'T ANSWER THIS, BECAUSE IT MAY BE THE SAME
- 6 TIME OR MAYBE BEFORE OR AFTER. I CAN'T SAY.
- 7 Q ISN'T IT CORRECT TO SAY THAT YOU HAD PREVIOUSLY
- 8 SAID THAT YOU DID NOT SUBMIT ANY GRANTS UNTIL MUCH AFTER THE
- 9 EARLY 1980S?
- 10 A YES, THAT'S A FACT; THAT I HAVE NEVER SUBMITTED
- 11 ANY GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE TITLE "PH.D." OR "DOCTOR".
- 12 Q DO YOU KNOW WHEN YOU FIRST SUBMITTED A GRANT
- 13 APPLICATION?
- 14 A SHOULD BE IN THE EARLY '80S OR MID '80S.
- 15 O AFTER YOU LAST EVER CORRECTED ANYBODY FROM
- 16 USING THE PHRASE "PH.D." OR "DOCTOR"; RIGHT?
- 17 A YES.
- 18 Q DID YOU EVER CORRECT ANYONE FROM REFERRING TO
- 19 YOU AS "DOCTOR" IN WRITING?
- A NO, THIS IS IN CONVERSATION.
- 21 Q SO IT'S CORRECT TO SAY THERE'S NOT ONE SINGLE
- 22 DOCUMENT IN WHICH YOU EVER SAID TO SOMEBODY NOT TO REFER TO
- 23 YOU AS "DOCTOR"?
- 24 A NO.
- 25 Q DIRECT THE WITNESS' ATTENTION TO EXHIBIT
- 26 NUMBER 214.



- 1 THE WITNESS: THIS ONE, SIR?
- THE COURT: YES, I BELIEVE SO.
- 3 THE WITNESS: 214?
- THE COURT: YES, THAT SHOULD BE 214.
- 5 BY MR. VOSS:
- 6 Q DO YOU SEE THE DOCUMENT ENTITLED "THE RESPONSES
- 7 TO ISSUES OF CONCERN, TECHNICAL PROPOSAL"?
- 8 A YES, I SEE THAT.
- 9 O ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THIS DOCUMENT?
- 10 A SO WHAT IS THE OUESTIONS ABOUT THIS?
- 11 Q ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THIS DOCUMENT?
- 12 A YEAH, I KNOW THAT THESE KIND OF PROCEDURES THAT
- 13 THE --
- 14 THE COURT: DR. KHOA, THE QUESTION IS: THIS SPECIFIC
- 15 DOCUMENT, NOT JUST GENERALIZED, THIS SPECIFIC DOCUMENT. AND
- 16 IT'S JUST SIMPLY WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE --
- 17 AND WE NEED TO PAUSE ONE MOMENT.
- 18 MR. HART: YES, WE HAVE AN AGREEMENT. SHE'S NOT
- 19 GOING TO BE RECALLED, SO ...
- 20 MR. VOSS: THAT'S ACTUALLY CORRECT.
- 21 THE COURT: OKAY. I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE.
- 22 MR. VOSS: SO IT'S NO LONGER AN ISSUE.
- 23 THE COURT: OKAY. THAT'S FINE. THANK YOU.
- 24 SO, AGAIN, MR. KHOA, LET ME RESTATE: THE
- 25 QUESTION IS SIMPLY WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THIS
- 26 SPECIFIC DOCUMENT, NOT DOCUMENTS OF THIS TYPE OR CATEGORY.



- 1 IT'S THIS PARTICULAR DOCUMENT.
- 2 SO TAKE YOUR TIME, LOOK AT IT, AND SEE IF YOU
- 3 HAVE FAMILIARITY WITH THIS SPECIFIC DOCUMENT.
- 4 THE WITNESS: YEAH, I HAVE SOME FAMILIARITY WITH
- 5 THIS, BUT I DON'T THINK THAT I NEED TO -- TO READ IT, BECAUSE
- 6 IT'S --
- 7 THE COURT: MR. KHOA, WE'LL SEE WHATEVER THE NEXT
- 8 QUESTION IS, BUT WE JUST HAVE TO START OFF TO SEE IF YOU WERE
- 9 FAMILIAR WITH THIS SPECIFIC DOCUMENT, AND THEN WE CAN GO FROM
- 10 THERE. SO IT'S KIND OF ONE STEP AT A TIME.
- 11 THE WITNESS: OKAY. YES.
- 12 BY MR. VOSS:
- 13 Q IS IT CORRECT TO SAY THAT THIS DOCUMENT WAS
- 14 RESPONDING TO ISSUES OF AN I.R.A.C. TECHNICAL PROPOSAL?
- 15 A YES.
- 16 Q OKAY. AND ON PAGE 2, EXHIBIT 214-2, AT ISSUE
- 17 NUMBER 3.
- 18 A ISSUE NUMBER 3? OKAY. NUMBER 3.
- 19 Q WHERE IT SAYS, "LETTERS OF COMMITMENT FROM
- 20 STAFF, " REFERRING TO PAGE 28, PART 3, PROJECT PERSONNEL.
- 21 YOU SEE THAT PART THERE?
- 22 A (NO AUDIBLE RESPONSE.)
- 23 Q YOU SEE THAT SECTION, SIR?
- A (NO AUDIBLE RESPONSE.)
- 25 Q MAY I ASK YOU A QUESTION ABOUT IT?
- A ISSUE NUMBER 3?



- 1 Q YES.
- 2 A AND WHAT LINE?
- 3 THE COURT: WELL, HE JUST WANTS TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU
- 4 SEE THAT ISSUE, AND THEN HE'LL FOLLOW UP WITH SOME MORE. HE
- 5 JUST WANTS TO MAKE SURE WE'RE ALL LOOKING AT THE SAME PORTION
- 6 OF PAGE NUMBER 2.
- 7 SO YOU SEE THAT, WHERE IT SAYS THE HEADING,
- 8 "ISSUE NUMBER 3"? YOU SEE THAT?
- 9 THE WITNESS: YEAH, I SEE NUMBER 3.
- 10 THE COURT: OKAY. SO HE'LL ASK HIS NEXT OUESTION.
- 11 BY MR. VOSS:
- 12 Q ISN'T IT CORRECT THAT, BY MEANS OF THIS
- 13 DOCUMENT, I.R.A.C. REFERS TO YOU HERE AT ISSUE NUMBER 3 AS
- 14 "DR. LE XUAN KHOA"?
- 15 A AND WHETHER THIS IS FROM STAFF OR FROM THE
- 16 CONTRACT OFFICER, I HAVE NO IDEA, BECAUSE THAT'S NOT FROM ME.
- 17 Q IT'S AN I.R.A.C. DOCUMENT; RIGHT?
- 18 A IT'S NOT FROM ME ANYWAY.
- 19 Q IT IS AN I.R.A.C. DOCUMENT, IS IT NOT?
- 20 A IT'S AN I.R.A.C. DOCUMENT, YEAH.
- 21 Q OKAY. I NEXT DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO PAGE 5,
- 22 EXHIBIT 214-5 ON THE BOTTOM.
- A ISSUE NUMBER 5?
- THE COURT: NO, PAGE NUMBER 5.
- THE WITNESS: OH, PAGE NUMBER 5.
- 26 BY MR. VOSS:



- 1 Q SO ON THE VERY BOTTOM, IT SAYS EX 214 DASH, AND
- 2 YOU'RE LOOKING FOR PAGE 5.
- 3 A YEAH, I HAVE PAGE NUMBER 5.
- 4 Q OKAY. AND THEN THE PARAGRAPH THAT BEGINS WITH
- 5 THE NUMERAL 2, YOU SEE THAT PARAGRAPH ON THE PAGE?
- A PAGE NUMBER 5, WHICH PARAGRAPH?
- 7 Q THE ONE STARTING WITH NUMERAL 2, NEAR THE TOP
- 8 HALF.
- 9 A NUMBER 2, YEAH. NUMBER 2, "AS AGREED IN
- 10 NEGOTIATIONS"; RIGHT?
- 11 Q YES.
- 12 A OKAY, YEAH. I SEE THAT NOW.
- 13 Q WHO ARE THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN, AS REFERENCED
- 14 THERE? WHAT DOES IT SAY?
- 15 A (NO AUDIBLE RESPONSE.)
- 16 Q LET ME HELP YOU.
- 17 IS IT CORRECT TO SAY IT SAYS, "AS AGREED IN
- 18 NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN DR. KHOA, I.R.A.C. DIRECTOR AND..." SOME
- 19 OTHER PEOPLE?
- 20 A SAY THE SAME THING; NOT FROM ME ANYWAY.
- 21 Q BUT FROM I.R.A.C. --
- 22 A FROM I.R.A.C., YES.
- 23 Q -- THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION OF WHICH YOU'RE
- 24 THE PRESIDENT.
- 25 AND IS IT FAIR TO SAY THAT WITH RESPECT TO ALL
- 26 THE GRANTS AND TECHNICAL PROPOSALS, THAT YOU WERE ULTIMATELY



- 1 RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF THEM?
- 2 A YES.
- 3 MR. VOSS: MOVE THAT EXHIBIT NUMBER 214 BE RECEIVED
- 4 INTO EVIDENCE.
- 5 MR. HART: I'M GOING TO OBJECT, YOUR HONOR. AGAIN,
- 6 FOUNDATION. AND IT'S HEARSAY AND RELEVANCE.
- 7 THE COURT: OVERRULED. IT WILL BE ADMITTED.
- 8 (EXHIBIT 214 ADMITTED.)
- 9 MR. VOSS: NEXT, DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO EXHIBIT
- 10 NUMBER 218. SO CHANGING EXHIBITS IN YOUR BOOKLET THERE, YOUR
- 11 BINDER, IF YOU CAN SWITCH TO NUMBER 218.
- 12 THE COURT: MR. KHOA, IF YOU CAN TURN TO 218. 2-1-8.
- THE WITNESS: THIS ONE?
- 14 THE COURT: KEEP GOING. PULL ALL THE PAGES OVER.
- MR. HART: I'LL GET IT, JUDGE.
- 16 THE COURT: I THINK HE'S THERE, BUT JUST THE BINDERS
- 17 WERE BLOCKING IT.
- THE WITNESS: THIS IS THIS ONE?
- 19 THE COURT: YES.
- 20 MR. HART: 218.
- THE WITNESS: THANK YOU, SIR.
- 22 BY MR. VOSS:
- Q DO YOU SEE NUMBER 218, SIR?
- 24 A YES, I SEE IT. I HAVE IT NOW.
- 25 Q OKAY. AND IF YOU'LL TAKE A LOOK AT THAT
- 26 DOCUMENT, IS IT CORRECT TO SAY THAT THIS IS A REQUEST FOR



- 1 GRANT MONEY FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT IS SUBMITTED BY
- 2 I.R.A.C. IN 1984?
- 3 A YES.
- 4 Q OKAY. SO THEN TURNING YOUR ATTENTION TO
- 5 EXHIBIT NUMBER 218-7, IF COULD YOU GO TO PAGE 7.
- A YOU MEAN PAGE 7; RIGHT?
- 7 THE COURT: CORRECT, PAGE 7 OF THAT EXHIBIT.
- THE WITNESS: YES, I HAVE PAGE 7.
- 9 BY MR. VOSS:
- 10 Q OKAY. AND BEFORE I ASK MORE QUESTIONS, YOU
- 11 HAVE SEEN THIS DOCUMENT BEFORE; ISN'T THAT CORRECT?
- 12 A YES.
- 13 Q AND IT'S A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE GRANT
- 14 APPLICATION BY I.R.A.C. SEEKING MONEY FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY;
- 15 ISN'T THAT CORRECT?
- 16 MR. HART: OBJECTION. FOUNDATION.
- 17 THE COURT: OVERRULED.
- YOU MAY RESPOND, SIR.
- 19 THE WITNESS: THIS IS A PROPOSAL NEGOTIATED BETWEEN
- 20 MY STAFF AND THE -- AND THE PROJECT --
- 21 THE COURT: WELL, MR. KHOA, LET ME STOP YOU RIGHT
- 22 THERE.
- 23 THE QUESTION NOW IS MORE OF A BASIC
- 24 FOUNDATIONAL ONE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THIS DOCUMENT THAT
- 25 YOU'RE LOOKING AT IS, TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, A TRUE AND CORRECT
- 26 COPY OF THE APPLICATION OR PROPOSAL THAT IT PURPORTS TO BE?



- 1 THE WITNESS: YES.
- 2 MR. VOSS: THROUGH PAGE 8, I SHOULD SAY.
- 3 THE COURT: THROUGH PAGE 8.
- 4 MR. VOSS: THERE MAY HAVE BEEN MORE.
- 5 THE COURT: SO IS THIS --
- THE WITNESS: I'VE SEEN IT.
- 7 THE COURT: OKAY. WELL, THE QUESTION IS A LITTLE
- 8 DIFFERENT.
- 9 THE WITNESS: THEN ASK THE QUESTION, PLEASE.
- 10 THE COURT: THE OUESTION IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT. IT'S
- 11 WHETHER OR NOT THIS IS, TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, A TRUE AND CORRECT
- 12 COPY OF THE FIRST EIGHT PAGES THIS PROPOSAL PURPORTS TO BE?
- 13 BUT TAKE YOUR TIME. TAKE A GANDER. THAT'S THE
- 14 ONLY QUESTION RIGHT NOW, IS WHETHER IT'S A TRUE AND CORRECT
- 15 COPY, TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE.
- 16 MR. HART: HE WON'T UNDERSTAND THE WORD "GANDER,"
- 17 JUDGE. TELL HIM TO LOOK AT IT.
- 18 THE COURT: PLEASE LOOK AT THE DOCUMENT. TAKE YOUR
- 19 TIME.
- 20 AND THE QUESTION IS: WHETHER THIS IS A TRUE
- 21 AND CORRECT COPY OF THE FIRST EIGHT PAGES OF THE PROPOSAL THAT
- 22 IT PURPORTS TO BE?
- 23 THE WITNESS: SO WHAT'S THE FIRST EIGHT -- PUNITIVE
- 24 DAMAGES?
- THE COURT: NO, NOT DAMAGES.
- THE WITNESS: OF THE PROPOSAL.



- 1 THE COURT: THE QUESTION IS WHETHER THIS DOCUMENT IS
- 2 A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE FIRST EIGHT PAGES OF THIS
- 3 PROPOSAL THAT IS TITLED ON THE FIRST PAGE?
- 4 THE WITNESS: SO MAYBE TYPING SOMETHING. NOT
- 5 "DAMAGES." MAYBE JUST "PAGES"?
- THE COURT: PAGES.
- 7 THE WITNESS: I SEE. IT SAID "DAMAGES."
- 8 SO, YEAH, RELATED TO THE EIGHT PAGES OF THE
- 9 PROPOSAL.
- 10 BY MR. VOSS:
- 11 Q OKAY. SO DIRECTING YOUR ATTENTION TO PAGE
- 12 NUMBER 7, SO 218-7 AT THE BOTTOM, IF YOU'LL FLIP TO THAT PAGE,
- 13 PLEASE.
- 14 DO YOU SEE THAT THERE, SIR, AT THE BOTTOM,
- 15 "PERSONNEL"?
- 16 A YES, I SEE THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE 7 --
- 17 Q OKAY. AND IS IT CORRECT TO SAY --
- 18 A -- ON PERSONNEL.
- 19 Q IS IT CORRECT TO SAY THAT, IN CONNECTION WITH
- 20 SEEKING GRANT MONEY -- I.R.A.C. SEEKING GRANT MONEY FROM
- 21 L.A. COUNTY, THAT IN THE SECTION REGARDING PERSONNEL, YOU ARE
- 22 DESIGNATED AS "DR. LE XUAN KHOA, I.R.A.C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR"?
- 23 A YES. THIS IS A DOCUMENT BETWEEN THE STAFF --
- 24 S.E.A.R.A.C. STAFF AND THE FUNDER.
- 25 Q AND AS WE'VE ESTABLISHED, YOU'RE PERSONALLY
- 26 RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THE GRANTS THAT EVER WENT OUT FROM



- 1 I.R.A.C. DURING YOUR TENURE AS PRESIDENT; ISN'T THAT CORRECT?
- 2 A YES, AS PRESIDENT.
- 3 MR. VOSS: MOVE THAT 218 BE RECEIVED INTO EVIDENCE.
- 4 MR. HART: OBJECTION. FOUNDATION AND RELEVANCE.
- THE COURT: OVERRULED. 218 WILL BE ADMITTED.
- 6 (EXHIBIT 218 ADMITTED.)
- 7 THE COURT: I'M GOING TO LOOK TO MY OWN 352. DO YOU
- 8 RECALL THE ANGEL STADIUM STATEMENT THAT I -- STORY I SHARED
- 9 EARLIER?
- 10 BY MR. VOSS:
- 11 Q IS IT FAIR TO SAY, SIR, THAT THERE ARE MANY
- 12 DOCUMENTS THAT YOU'VE SEEN DURING THE COURSE OF THIS
- 13 LITIGATION IN WHICH I.R.A.C. SOUGHT GRANT MONEY THAT
- 14 REFERENCED YOU AS "DR. KHOA"?
- 15 MR. HART: OBJECTION. ASSUMES FACTS NOT IN EVIDENCE.
- 16 THE COURT: OVERRULED.
- 17 YOU MAY RESPOND.
- 18 THE WITNESS: THE PROPOSAL REFER TO -- REFERENCE TO
- 19 ME AS "DR. KHOA" WAS NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN STAFF AND -- AND THE
- 20 FUNDER. SO IT'S THE SAME QUESTION, THE SAME ANSWER. WE WASTE
- 21 TOO MUCH TIME.
- 22 BY MR. VOSS:
- 23 Q IN AN EFFORT TO NOT INTRODUCE EACH AND EVERY
- 24 DOCUMENT --
- 25 MR. HART: YOUR HONOR, I HAVE TO OBJECT TO THAT.
- 26 THAT'S AN IMPROPER COMMUNICATION TO THE JURY.



- 1 THE COURT: LET'S SIMPLY ASK THE QUESTION.
- 2 BY MR. VOSS:
- 3 Q IS IT CORRECT TO SAY THAT YOU HAVE SEEN, DURING
- 4 THE COURSE OF THIS LITIGATION, AN I.R.A.C. DRAFT PROPOSAL TO
- 5 GLENMEDE TRUST FOR MONEY?
- 6 A I THINK THAT THE NAME GLENMEDE TRUST IS
- 7 FAMILIAR TO ME.
- 8 Q AND IS IT CORRECT TO SAY THAT I.R.A.C. SOUGHT
- 9 MONEY FROM GLENMEDE AND HELD YOU OUT TO BE A DOCTOR?
- 10 A IT'S THE SAME QUESTION AND THE SAME ANSWER;
- 11 THIS IS NOT FROM ME BUT FROM NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN STAFF AND
- 12 THE FUNDER.
- 13 Q SO DO YOU HAVE AN ESTIMATE AS TO HOW MANY GRANT
- 14 PROPOSALS WERE PREPARED FOR I.R.A.C. SEEKING MONEY DURING THE
- 15 TIME YOU WERE I.R.A.C.'S PRESIDENT?
- 16 A I CAN'T SAY HOW MANY.
- 17 Q MORE THAN 20?
- 18 A AROUND THAT NUMBER OR MAYBE LESS. I DON'T -- I
- 19 CAN'T --
- 20 Q MORE THAN A DOZEN?
- 21 A I CAN'T CONFIRM. I CAN'T SAY EXACTLY THE
- 22 NUMBER.
- 23 Q WELL, I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO COME UP WITH AN
- 24 EXACT NUMBER. BUT AS YOUR BEST ESTIMATE, WOULD IT BE FAIR TO
- 25 SAY THAT THERE WERE MANY GRANT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY I.R.A.C.
- 26 SEEKING MONEY THAT REFERENCED YOU AS "DR. KHOA"?



- 1 A YES.
- 2 Q OKAY. WHILE WE'RE LOOKING FOR THE NEXT
- 3 EXHIBIT, DID YOU SIGN THE GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR I.R.A.C. AND
- 4 S.E.A.R.A.C.?
- 5 A YES, I SIGNED THE GRANT APPLICATION; MOST OF
- 6 THE TIME I DID.
- 7 Q IS IT CORRECT TO SAY THAT YOU ALWAYS SIGNED THE
- 8 GRANT APPLICATIONS?
- 9 MR. HART: OBJECTION. ARGUMENTATIVE.
- 10 THE COURT: OVERRULED.
- 11 THE WITNESS: I THINK THAT'S ONE OR TWICE OR SOME
- 12 MORE TIME IT'S SIGNED BY MY DEPUTY OR MY PROJECT DIRECTOR,
- 13 BECAUSE IT'S -- IT'S KIND OF ROUTINE THING. IT'S NOT A NEW
- 14 PROPOSAL.
- 15 BY MR. VOSS:
- 16 Q IS IT CORRECT TO SAY THAT YOU WERE ULTIMATELY
- 17 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GRANT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY I.R.A.C.?
- 18 A YES.
- 19 Q IS IT CORRECT TO SAY THAT YOU SUPERVISED
- 20 EVERYTHING WITH RESPECT TO GRANT APPLICATIONS BY I.R.A.C.?
- 21 MR. HART: OBJECTION. VAGUE. AMBIGUOUS.
- 22 "EVERYTHING," WHAT IS "EVERYTHING"?
- THE COURT: WAIT. WAIT. WAIT.
- 24 FIRST OF ALL, WE JUST NEED TO SAY, "OBJECTION.
- 25 VAGUE."
- MR. HART: I'M SORRY, JUDGE.



- 1 THE COURT: WE DON'T NEED SPEAKING OBJECTIONS.
- 2 AND I WILL SUSTAIN. WE NEED A LITTLE CLEARER
- 3 OUESTION ON THAT.
- 4 MR. VOSS: OKAY. YOUR HONOR, I'D LIKE TO READ FROM
- 5 THE WITNESS' TESTIMONY IN HIS DEPOSITION.
- THE COURT: PAGE AND LINE?
- 7 MR. VOSS: PAGE 22, LINE 19, THROUGH LINE 24 ON
- 8 PAGE 23. THAT'S LINE 19, PAGE 22, THROUGH LINE 24 ON PAGE 23.
- 9 THE COURT: GIVE MR. HART AND MYSELF AN OPPORTUNITY
- 10 TO REVIEW THOSE PAGES.
- 11 MR. HART: NO OBJECTION, YOUR HONOR.
- 12 THE COURT: YOU MAY READ THOSE DESIGNATED LINES.
- 13 MR. VOSS: COMMENCING LINE 19, PAGE 22. (AS READ:)
- 14 "QUESTION: AND ON THESE GRANT
- 15 APPLICATIONS, OTHER PEOPLE WOULD HAVE
- 16 IDEAS, BUT ULTIMATELY YOU WERE RESPONSIBLE
- 17 FOR THE GRANT APPLICATIONS; IS THAT
- 18 CORRECT?
- 19 "ANSWER: YEAH, I WRITE WITH THEM.
- 20 WE CAN DIVIDE THE WORK.
- 21 "QUESTION: OKAY. BUT, ULTIMATELY,
- 22 YOU WERE THE ONE --
- 23 "ANSWER: I SHOULD BE. IN GENERAL,
- I SUPERVISED EVERYTHING.
- 25 "QUESTION: OKAY. SO NO GRANT
- 26 APPLICATION WENT OUT WITHOUT YOUR APPROVAL;



- 1 IS THAT CORRECT?
- 2 "ANSWER: UH-HUH, YEAH.
- 3 "QUESTION: AND DID YOU SIGN THE
- 4 GRANT APPLICATIONS?
- 5 "ANSWER: YES. I ALWAYS SIGN IT.
- 6 "QUESTION: WERE THOSE SIGNATURES --
- 7 DO YOU KNOW WHAT A PENALTY OF PERJURY IS?
- 8 "ANSWER: I ALWAYS SIGN AS EXECUTIVE
- 9 DIRECTOR OR PRESIDENT.
- "QUESTION: AND DID YOU?
- 11 "ANSWER: INITIALLY, EXECUTIVE
- 12 DIRECTOR, BUT LATER ON SOME BOARD MEMBERS
- 13 SUGGEST YOU USE THE WORD "PRESIDENT" SO
- 14 THAT YOU CAN TALK TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS TOO.
- 15 OKAY? YOU'RE IN A BETTER POSITION.
- 16 "QUESTION: DID YOU UNDERSTAND, WHEN
- 17 YOU WERE SUBMITTING THESE GRANT
- 18 APPLICATIONS, THAT THEY HAD TO BE ACCURATE?
- 19 "ANSWER: YES, I KNOW.
- 20 "QUESTION: YOU COULD NOT MAKE A
- 21 MISREPRESENTATION ON A GRANT APPLICATION?
- 22 "ANSWER: I UNDERSTAND THAT."
- 23 (DONE READING.)
- 24 BY MR. VOSS:
- 25 Q MR. KHOA, WHEN YOU SUBMITTED THESE
- 26 APPLICATIONS, IS IT CORRECT TO SAY YOU KNOW YOU DID SO UNDER



- 1 PENALTY OF PERJURY?
- 2 MR. HART: OBJECTION. FOUNDATION.
- 3 THE COURT: OVERRULED.
- 4 YOU MAY RESPOND, SIR.
- 5 THE WITNESS: WHAT'S THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
- 6 SUBMITTED APPLICATION AND UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY? I DON'T
- 7 UNDERSTAND IT.
- 8 BY MR. VOSS:
- 9 O DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT PERJURY IS?
- 10 A YES, I UNDERSTAND WHAT PERJURY IS.
- 11 Q AND IF YOU COMMITTED PERJURY IN SUBMITTING A
- 12 GRANT APPLICATION, YOU KNEW THAT WOULD BE UNLAWFUL; RIGHT?
- 13 A YES.
- 14 O SO YOU KNEW YOUR GRANT APPLICATIONS HAD TO BE
- 15 ACCURATE AND HAVE NO MISREPRESENTATIONS; CORRECT?
- A YES.
- 17 Q AND WHEN YOU SIGNED THE GRANT APPLICATIONS AS
- 18 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR PRESIDENT, YOU UNDERSTOOD THAT YOU
- 19 DID SO UNDER THE PENALTY OF PERJURY; RIGHT?
- 20 A I SIGN IT BECAUSE I -- I DON'T THINK THAT I
- 21 SIGN IT -- THAT IS A VIOLATION, BECAUSE DOCTOR OR PROFESSOR
- 22 WAS -- I ALREADY SAID MANY TIMES THAT I CONSIDER THAT AS
- 23 NORMAL ALREADY. I DON'T HAVE TO CORRECT IT. SO I CAN SIGN
- 24 IT -- BUT I NEVER SIGN IT UNDER PH.D. OR DOCTOR. THAT'S IT.
- 25 I NEVER SIGN IT THAT WAY. SO I DON'T THINK THAT IS
- 26 SOMETHING -- ANYTHING LIKE PERJURY IN HERE.



- 1 MR. VOSS: MOVE TO STRIKE AS NONRESPONSIVE.
- THE COURT: ONE MOMENT.
- 3 MR. HART: I WOULD DISAGREE, YOUR HONOR.
- 4 THE COURT: ONE MOMENT.
- 5 THE WITNESS: CAN YOU SHOW ME A DOCUMENT --
- 6 THE COURT: WAIT. WAIT. WAIT.
- 7 OVERRULED.
- 8 BY MR. VOSS:
- 9 Q DR. KHOA, YOU DID UNDERSTAND THAT THE ENTIRE
- 10 DOCUMENT THAT YOU SIGNED AND SUBMITTED, WHEN YOU SIGNED IT,
- 11 YOU WERE CERTIFYING THE TRUTHFULNESS OF THAT DOCUMENT; RIGHT?
- 12 A YEAH, THE TRUTHFULNESS IN THE CONTENT OF THE
- 13 DOCUMENT.
- 14 Q OKAY. AND THAT IF THERE WAS SOMETHING
- 15 UNTRUTHFUL, THAT WOULD BE PERJURY?
- 16 MR. HART: OBJECTION. THAT'S ASSERTING A LEGAL
- 17 CONCLUSION.
- 18 THE COURT: SUSTAINED.
- 19 I THINK WE'VE KIND OF PLOWED THIS ROW MANY A
- 20 TIME.
- 21 MR. VOSS: NEXT, DIRECT THE WITNESS' ATTENTION TO
- 22 EXHIBIT NUMBER 221, WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN RECEIVED INTO
- 23 EVIDENCE.
- 24 THE COURT: MR. KHOA, THE VERY LAST EXHIBIT IN THAT
- 25 BINDER SHOULD BE EXHIBIT --
- THE WITNESS: 221?



- 1 THE COURT: 2-2-1. CORRECT.
- THE WITNESS: THIS ONE?
- 3 THE COURT: YOU MAY APPROACH, MR. HART.
- 4 BY MR. VOSS:
- 5 Q YOU RECOGNIZE THIS DOCUMENT? WE TALKED ABOUT
- 6 IT EARLIER IN THE TRIAL.
- 7 A YES.
- 8 Q DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO PAGE 4, EXHIBIT 221-4.
- 9 A YES, I HAVE PAGE 4 HERE.
- 10 Q SO YOUR RESUME APPEARS IN THIS GRANT
- 11 APPLICATION STARTING AT PAGE 5; ISN'T THAT CORRECT?
- 12 A YES.
- 13 Q AND ON EXHIBIT 221-4, THAT'S A LETTER FROM
- 14 DENNIS GALLAGHER, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE REFUGEE POLICY
- 15 GROUP; ISN'T THAT CORRECT?
- A YES, THAT'S CORRECT.
- 17 Q AND ISN'T IT ALSO CORRECT MR. GALLAGHER
- 18 ADDRESSES HIS LETTER TO YOU AS "DR. LE XUAN KHOA"?
- 19 A YES, HE ADDRESS ME AS "DR. KHOA," AND ALSO THIS
- 20 IS FROM MR. GALLAGHER.
- 21 Q AND THEN WHEN THE GRANT APPLICATION WAS
- 22 PREPARED, THAT YOU SUPERVISED EVERYTHING, YOUR WORDS, YOU
- 23 CHOSE TO INCLUDE THIS LETTER IN SEEKING MONEY FROM THE
- 24 U.S. GOVERNMENT, RIGHT, AS PART OF THE GRANT APPLICATION?
- 25 A YEAH, I -- I THINK THAT I HAVE ANSWERED THIS
- 26 QUESTION SEVERAL TIMES.



- 1 Q MY QUESTION IS: DID YOU CHOOSE TO INCLUDE THIS
- 2 LETTER AS PART OF THE GRANT APPLICATION; YES OR NO?
- 3 A I DIDN'T CHOOSE TO INCLUDE IT. I DON'T KNOW
- 4 EVEN IF -- IF SOMEBODY OFFER OPERATION WITH S.E.A.R.A.C.,
- 5 THAT'S FINE, BUT I DIDN'T PAY ATTENTION WHETHER "DOCTOR" IS OR
- 6 NOT "DOCTOR" IN HERE.
- 7 Q SO WHEN I READ YOUR EARLIER TESTIMONY, "SO NO
- 8 GRANT APPLICATION WENT OUT WITH YOUR APPROVAL; IS THAT
- 9 CORRECT?" AND YOUR IS, "UH-HUH, YEAH," THIS WAS A GRANT
- 10 APPLICATION AND HAD YOUR APPROVAL; RIGHT?
- 11 A YES, AS A MATTER OF A ROUTINE.
- 12 Q OKAY. AND WHEN YOU SAID, "I SUPERVISE
- 13 EVERYTHING," YOUR WORDS, THAT WOULD INCLUDE WHATEVER'S
- 14 INCLUDED IN THE GRANT APPLICATION; RIGHT?
- A YES.
- 16 Q OKAY. SO THEN WE GO TO YOUR RESUME, WHICH IS
- 17 ON 221-5, THE NEXT PAGE OF THE EXHIBIT.
- 18 MR. HART: WE WANT TO PUBLISH THIS SO THE JURY CAN
- 19 FOLLOW ALONG?
- THE COURT: WE'LL SEE IF MR. VOSS WISHES TO AS PART
- 21 OF HIS QUESTIONING.
- MR. VOSS, WOULD YOU LIKE --
- MR. VOSS: SURE. WHY DON'T WE START -- SINCE WE'RE
- 24 GOING TO DO SOME PUBLICATION, WHY DON'T WE SHOW THE JURY
- 25 221-4.
- 26 THE COURT: THAT MAY BE PUBLISHED. IT'S BEEN



- 1 ADMITTED PREVIOUSLY.
- THE LETTER BEFORE, PAGE 4, EXHIBIT 221.
- 3 (DOCUMENT PUBLISHED.)
- 4 THE COURT: WE'VE ALREADY EXPLAINED TO MEMBERS OF THE
- 5 JURY THAT THEY WILL HAVE -- BE ABLE TO SEE ALL THE EXHIBITS
- 6 THAT HAVE BEEN ADMITTED DURING THEIR DELIBERATIONS.
- 7 MR. VOSS: SO EVEN IF I DON'T SHOW IT ON THE BOARD.
- 8 BY MR. VOSS:
- 9 Q OKAY. SO THIS IS THE LETTER I WAS JUST ASKING
- 10 YOU QUESTIONS ABOUT, SIR.
- 11 AND DO YOU RECOGNIZE THAT YOU INCLUDED THIS
- 12 DOCUMENT ADDRESSED TO YOU AS "DR. LE XUAN KHOA," AND SAYING TO
- 13 YOU, "DEAR, DR. KHOA"?
- 14 MR. HART: OBJECTION. MISCHARACTERIZES THE
- 15 TESTIMONY.
- THE COURT: SUSTAINED.
- 17 BY MR. VOSS:
- 18 Q DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS LETTER?
- 19 A IS THAT LETTER FROM MR. GALLAGHER?
- Q YES.
- 21 A YES.
- 22 Q OKAY. SO THEN TURNING TO PAGE 221-7.
- THE COURT: THAT MAY BE PUBLISHED AS WELL.
- 24 (DOCUMENT PUBLISHED.)
- 25 BY MR. VOSS:
- 26 Q SO THE FOCUS OF OUR NEXT SEVERAL QUESTIONS IS



- 1 GOING TO BE THE FIRST PARAGRAPH AFTER THE HEADING OF
- 2 "EDUCATION."
- DO YOU SEE THAT THERE?
- 4 A I ANSWERED THIS QUESTION SEVERAL TIME BEFORE,
- 5 ABOUT THE LEVEL OF THE EDUCATION.
- 6 THE COURT: MR. KHOA, WAIT. THE QUESTION RIGHT NOW
- 7 IS JUST SIMPLY: DO YOU SEE THE HEADING "EDUCATION" ON THAT
- 8 PAGE IN FRONT OF YOU?
- 9 THE WITNESS: YES, I SEE THAT.
- 10 BY MR. VOSS:
- 11 Q SO IT REFERS TO A DOCTORAL THESIS ENTITLED
- 12 "PHILOSOPHY OF DHYANA ZEN," AND IT GIVES A DATE OF 1960.
- 13 YOU SEE THAT THERE?
- A YES.
- 15 O SO IS IT ACCURATE TO SAY THAT THERE WAS A
- 16 DOCTORAL THESIS ENTITLED "THE PHILOSOPHY OF DHYANA ZEN
- 17 BUDDHISM" AS OF 1960?
- 18 A THERE WAS A DOCTORAL THESIS REGISTERED.
- 19 Q I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T CATCH THE LAST WORD.
- 20 A REGISTERED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PARIS UNDER
- 21 THIS TITLE.
- 22 THE COURT: ARE YOU SAYING "REGISTERED" AT THE
- 23 UNIVERSITY?
- THE WITNESS: YEAH.
- 25 BY MR. VOSS:
- 26 Q OKAY. SO IS THERE ANY STATEMENT ON THE RESUME



- 1 ABOUT IT BEING REGISTERED IN 1960?
- 2 A THE RESUME IS REFERRING TO THE LEVEL OF
- 3 EDUCATION.
- 4 Q DOES IT SAY THAT IT WAS ONLY REGISTERED IN
- 5 1960? IT DOESN'T, DOES IT?
- 6 A IT DOESN'T, YEAH. BUT I THINK THAT I WANT TO
- 7 CLARIFY THAT, TO BE CLEAR.
- 8 Q YOU KNOW THAT. THAT WAS WHAT YOUR KNOWLEDGE
- 9 WAS. BUT HOW -- OR CAN YOU SHOW ME WHERE ON THE PIECE OF
- 10 PAPER THAT SOMEONE WHO IS READING ABOUT YOU FOR THE FIRST TIME
- 11 CAN FIND OUT THAT, OH, NO, WE DIDN'T FINISH THE DOCTORAL
- 12 THESIS. IT WAS JUST REGISTERED IN 1960? DOES IT SHOW THAT
- 13 ANYWHERE?
- 14 A (NO AUDIBLE RESPONSE.)
- 15 O IT DOESN'T, DOES IT?
- 16 A THAT'S A BIG DEAL TO ME, SO THAT --
- 17 Q IS THERE ANYWHERE IN YOUR RESUME WHERE YOU SAY,
- 18 OH, THE THESIS IS INCOMPLETE?
- 19 A (NO AUDIBLE RESPONSE.)
- 20 Q THERE ISN'T, IS THERE?
- 21 A I DON'T THINK I NEED TO SPECIFY THAT IT IS
- 22 INCOMPLETE OR NOT.
- 23 O IS THERE ANYWHERE ON THERE WHERE IT INDICATES
- 24 THAT YOU'RE MERELY A CANDIDATE FOR A DOCTORAL DEGREE?
- 25 A YEAH, IF I PUT "CANDIDATE," IS IT BETTER, BUT I
- 26 DON'T SEE THE NEED TO SPECIFY IT. IT'S JUST THE LEVEL OF



- 1 EDUCATION.
- Q IT WOULD BE BETTER, IT WOULD BE MORE ACCURATE,
- 3 IF YOU HAD SAID HERE, "THIS IS INCOMPLETE," WOULDN'T IT?
- 4 A YES. BUT WHETHER IT'S NECESSARY IS ONE MORE
- 5 THING.
- 6 Q THERE'S NOTHING --
- 7 A I DON'T THINK IT'S NECESSARY.
- 8 Q THERE'S NOTHING REFLECTED ANYWHERE IN THE GRANT
- 9 APPLICATION ABOUT YOU LOSING YOUR LUGGAGE IN 1975, IS THERE?
- 10 A NOTHING RELATED TO MY LOSING MY LUGGAGE.
- 11 Q THERE'S, IN FACT, NO WAY FOR ANYONE READING THE
- 12 RESUME YOU SUBMITTED WITH GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE FEDERAL
- 13 GOVERNMENT SEEKING MONEY TO KNOW THAT THAT DOCTORAL THESIS
- 14 REFLECTED THERE WAS NEVER COMPLETED?
- 15 MR. HART: OBJECTION. ARGUMENTATIVE.
- 16 THE COURT: OVERRULED.
- 17 YOU MAY RESPOND, SIR.
- 18 THE WITNESS: I DON'T THINK I NEED TO SAY THAT I -- I
- 19 NEED TO SUBMIT WITH THE GRANT APPLICATION -- THAT I NEED TO
- 20 SPECIFY THAT I HAVE NEVER -- I HAVE NOT COMPLETED THE THESIS.
- 21 BY MR. VOSS:
- 22 Q WELL, IT DOESN'T SAY ANYTHING AT ALL ABOUT NOT
- 23 COMPLETING IT ANYWHERE, DOES IT?
- 24 A NO.
- 25 Q AND IT WOULD BE BETTER IF IT HAD, SO THAT THERE
- 26 WAS NO QUESTION IN THE READER'S MIND AS TO THE ACCURATE STATUS



- 1 OF YOUR DOCTORAL DEGREE; ISN'T THAT CORRECT?
- A I THINK, IN THE MIND OF THE READER, THEY JUST
- 3 WANT TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF EDUCATION I HAVE. THAT MEANS THE
- 4 LEVEL OF EDUCATION.
- 5 Q OKAY. AND IN THE MIND OF THE READER, WOULDN'T
- 6 YOU AGREE THAT THAT MISCHARACTERIZES WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAD
- 7 COMPLETED YOUR DOCTORAL THESIS?
- 8 MR. HART: OBJECTION. CALLS FOR SPECULATION.
- 9 THE WITNESS: AND ESPECIALLY WHEN THE --
- 10 THE COURT: OVERRULED.
- 11 THE WITNESS: -- THE REQUIREMENT IS NOT REQUIRED THAT
- 12 I MUST HAVE A PH.D. OR A DOCTOR DEGREE TO QUALIFY FOR THE
- 13 GRANT. THAT'S NOT THE REQUIREMENT.
- 14 BY MR. VOSS:
- 15 Q THAT'S NOT MY QUESTION, SIR. THAT'S NOT MY
- 16 QUESTION. THIS ISN'T AN ISSUE ABOUT WHETHER YOU'RE REQUIRED
- 17 TO HAVE SOMETHING.
- 18 THE QUESTION IS: DOES THIS MISCHARACTERIZE, IN
- 19 THE MIND OF SOMEBODY WHO MIGHT LOOK AT THIS, AND LEAD THEM TO
- 20 THINK THAT YOU HAD YOUR DOCTORAL DEGREE WHEN YOU DIDN'T?
- 21 MR. HART: OBJECTION. SPECULATION.
- THE COURT: OVERRULED.
- 23 YOU MAY RESPOND, SIR.
- 24 THE WITNESS: I DON'T THINK THAT THIS IS A
- 25 MISREPRESENTATION.
- 26 BY MR. VOSS:



- 1 Q DOESN'T IT LEAD SOMEONE TO BELIEVE THAT YOUR
- 2 DOCTORAL THESIS IS COMPLETED, 1960?
- 3 A SOMEBODY MIGHT THINK SO, BUT SOMEBODY WOULD NOT
- 4 THINK THAT.
- 5 Q IT WOULD BE BETTER IF IT CHARACTERIZED IT AS
- 6 INCOMPLETE, LOST, IN PROCESS, YOU NAME IT, BUT ANYTHING OTHER
- 7 THAN SUGGESTING IT WAS COMPLETE; RIGHT?
- 8 WITHDRAWN. IT'S COMPOUND. I WITHDRAW MY OWN
- 9 OUESTION.
- 10 THE COURT: ASKED AND ANSWERED AS WELL.
- 11 BY MR. VOSS:
- 12 Q SO, MR. KHOA, WHEN CONGRESSMAN DORNAN, IN
- 13 APRIL OF 1996, AFTER HIS STAFF INVESTIGATION, EXPRESSED
- 14 CONCERN NUMBER 5, THAT "HIS," YOUR, "MISREPRESENTATION OF
- 15 ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS MAY HAVE RESULTED IN STATE DEPARTMENT
- 16 GRANTS -- IN HIS RECEIVING STATE DEPARTMENT GRANTS OVER
- 17 COMPETING APPLICANTS," DID YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THAT WAS WHAT
- 18 IT WAS ADDRESSED TO; THAT YOU DIDN'T HAVE YOUR DOCTORAL
- 19 DEGREE?
- 20 MR. HART: OBJECTION. THE QUESTION MISSTATES THE
- 21 DORNAN LETTER.
- 22 THE COURT: CALLS FOR SPECULATION AS WELL.
- 23 BY MR. VOSS:
- 24 Q HOWEVER, THE CONGRESSMAN'S LETTER SAYS -- AND,
- 25 AGAIN, JUST SO EVERYBODY REMEMBERS -- "HE RECENTLY ADMITTED HE
- 26 DOES NOT HAVE SUCH A DEGREE. HIS MISREPRESENTATION OF



- 1 ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS MAY HAVE RESULTED IN HIS RECEIVING STATE
- 2 DEPARTMENT GRANTS OVER COMPETING APPLICANTS."
- 3 IT WAS IMPORTANT THIS BE ACCURATE, WASN'T IT?
- 4 A OKAY. ONE THING, THIS IS SPECULATION FROM THE
- 5 STAFF OF MR. -- OF CONGRESSMAN DORNAN.
- NUMBER 2 IS THAT IT'S FALSE TO SAY THAT
- 7 I -- THAT I ADMITTED RECENTLY, ADMITTED THAT I DON'T HAVE A
- 8 DEGREE. I NEVER ADMITTED THAT.
- 9 Q BUT YOU AGREE WITH ME -- YOU SAID SO -- IT
- 10 WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF THERE HAD BEEN SOME REFERENCE FOR
- 11 THE READER TO KNOW IT WAS INCOMPLETE; RIGHT?
- 12 A IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER, BUT IT'S NOT
- 13 NECESSARY.
- 14 MR. VOSS: YOUR HONOR, WE'RE APPROACHING THE LUNCH
- 15 HOUR. SHOULD WE --
- 16 THE COURT: WELL, ARE WE --
- 17 MR. VOSS: I MEAN, I WILL BE SWITCHING GEARS.
- 18 THE COURT: WELL, AND WE CAN HAVE A LITTLE
- 19 CONVERSATION.
- 20 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE WILL TAKE OUR LUNCH
- 21 BREAK, TO TRY AND TAKE CARE OF A COUPLE QUICK THINGS HERE
- 22 BEFORE LUNCH.
- SO WE WILL BE ON THAT RECESS. AGAIN, NO
- 24 FORMING ANY OPINIONS, DOING ANY RESEARCH, DISCUSSING THE
- 25 MATTER. HOPEFULLY, IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY OUT THERE. AND WE'LL
- 26 SEE YOU-ALL AT 1:30. THANK YOU VERY KINDLY.



- 1 (JURY EXCUSED FOR LUNCH.)
- 2 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD IN OPEN COURT OUTSIDE THE
- 3 PRESENCE OF THE JURY:)
- 4 THE COURT: WE ARE OUTSIDE THE PRESENCE OF THE JURY.
- 5 WE MAY WANT TO START READING THE JURY. I THINK
- 6 THEIR EYES ARE GOING TO GLOSS OVER. THEY'RE LOOKING AT THEIR
- 7 WATCHES. THEY'RE LOOKING AT ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING ELSE. I
- 8 THINK WE'VE --
- 9 MR. VOSS: I APPRECIATE THE --
- 10 THE COURT: -- LOOKED -- AND THIS IS APPLIES TO
- 11 EVERYBODY. THE HORSE HAS BEEN PUNISHED QUITE A BIT. I GUESS
- 12 I'LL PUT IT THAT WAY. AND I'M NOT SAYING YOU DON'T HAVE MORE
- 13 TO COVER, BUT SOME OF THESE THINGS HAVE BEEN DONE MANY A TIME.
- 14 MR. VOSS: WE WERE MORE PRODUCTIVE IN THAT HOUR THAN
- 15 I EXPECTED, FIRST OF ALL.
- 16 AND SECOND OF ALL, THE COURT'S COLLOQUY TO
- 17 BASEBALL WAS ALSO TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO INTRODUCING THE OTHER
- 18 EXHIBITS.
- 19 THE COURT: APPRECIATE THAT. AND I'M JUST REFERRING
- 20 TO WATCH THE EXHIBITS. THIS APPLIES ACROSS THE BOARD TO
- 21 EVERYBODY. READ YOUR AUDIENCE, I GUESS I WOULD SAY. SO YOU
- 22 HAVE THE POINTS YOU HAVE TO MAKE, AND I FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT,
- 23 BUT WE DON'T HAVE TO MAKE SOME POINTS SEVEN, EIGHT, NINE,
- 24 TIMES BETWEEN EVERYBODY'S EXAMINATION OF EVERYTHING.
- MR. VOSS: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.
- 26 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. ANYTHING ELSE BEFORE WE TAKE





- 1 SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024
- 2 AFTERNOON SESSION
- 3 * * * * * *
- 4 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD IN OPEN COURT:)
- THE COURT: LET'S GO AHEAD AND GO ON THE RECORD IN
- 6 THE KHOA V. THANG MATTER. WE HAVE COUNSEL PRESENT.
- 7 MR. NGUYEN HAS INDICATED HE HAS TO STEP OUT
- 8 THIS AFTERNOON. HE HAD SOMETHING GOING ON. MR. NGUYEN
- 9 FROM -- THE CERTIFIED LAW STUDENT, IS NOT PRESENT, BUT
- 10 OTHERWISE, WE HAVE ALL OTHER COUNSEL AND PARTIES AS STATED
- 11 EARLIER THIS MORNING.
- DO WE HAVE ALL OF OUR JURORS?
- 13 COURT ATTENDANT: WE DO, YOUR HONOR.
- 14 THE COURT: PERFECT. LET'S BRING THEM ALL IN.
- 15 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD IN OPEN COURT IN THE
- 16 PRESENCE OF THE JURY:)
- 17 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE BEEN REJOINED BY ALL
- 18 OF OUR JURORS, AND WE ARE GOING TO PICK UP HERE WITH MR. VOSS
- 19 OUESTIONING.
- MR. VOSS: THAT'S CORRECT.
- 21 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. I'LL LET YOU DIVE IN THERE.
- 22 CROSS-EXAMINATION RESUMED
- 23 BY MR. VOSS:
- 24 Q MR. KHOA, IS IT FAIR TO SAY THAT THE GRANT
- 25 APPLICATIONS THAT WE'VE BEEN DISCUSSING HERE WERE SUBMITTED BY
- 26 I.R.A.C. AND/OR S.E.A.R.A.C. FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING



- 1 FUNDING FOR WORK TO BENEFIT THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES?
- 2 A YES.
- 3 O OKAY. IS IT ALSO CORRECT THAT THE WORK FOR
- 4 WHICH FUNDING WAS BEING REQUESTED BY I.R.A.C. AND
- 5 S.E.A.R.A.C. WAS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SAME PEOPLE, THE
- 6 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES OR BOAT PEOPLE, THAT WOULD BENEFIT FROM
- 7 THE R.O.V.R. PROGRAM?
- 8 A YEAH, BUT IT'S TWO DIFFERENT KINDS. ONE FOR
- 9 THE R.O.V.R.; THAT MEANS PEOPLE RETURNING TO VIETNAM AND THE
- 10 PEOPLE IN THE U.S. SO THAT'S TWO DIFFERENT PROGRAMS.
- 11 Q AND SOME OF YOUR GRANT APPLICATION REQUESTS
- 12 WERE RELATED TO R.O.V.R.; CORRECT?
- 13 A YES.
- 14 Q OKAY. AND, IN FACT, IT IS THIS
- 15 R.O.V.R. PROGRAM THAT WAS DISCUSSED IN YOUR ARTICLES IN 2020
- 16 AND THE ARTICLE PUBLISHED BY THE DEFENDANTS IN RESPONSE TO
- 17 YOUR ARTICLES ALSO IN 2020?
- A YES.
- 19 Q SAME PROGRAM, IT'S ALL ABOUT R.O.V.R.; RIGHT?
- A SAME PROGRAM.
- 21 Q OKAY. IS IT CORRECT TO SAY --
- 22 A FOR VIETNAM.
- 23 Q YEAH, FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES; RIGHT?
- A FOR VIETNAM REFUGEES, YES.
- 25 Q I THINK THERE'S A LITTLE DELAY ON THE TECH.
- A I'M SORRY.



- 1 Q IS IT CORRECT TO SAY THAT THE STATEMENT FOR
- 2 WHICH YOU ARE SUING WAS MADE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE DEBATE
- 3 SURROUNDING THE ADOPTION OF THE R.O.V.R. PROGRAM?
- 4 A YES.
- 5 MR. HART: OBJECTION.
- 6 THE COURT: WAIT. WAIT.
- 7 MR. HART: LACK OF FOUNDATION.
- 8 THE COURT: I WAS WAITING TO SEE -- THERE WAS A
- 9 PAUSE.
- 10 MR. HART: I DIDN'T HAVE --
- 11 THE WITNESS: ACTUALLY, THIS --
- 12 THE COURT: WAIT. WAIT JUST A MOMENT.
- 13 THAT OBJECTION WILL BE OVERRULED.
- 14 NOW YOU MAY GO AHEAD AND RESPOND, MR. KHOA.
- 15 THE WITNESS: IT SHOULD BE CORRECT TO SAY THAT THE
- 16 DEBATE SURROUNDING NOT THE R.O.V.R., BUT ACTUALLY ABOUT THE
- 17 FORMATION OF R.O.V.R., BUT NOT THE R.O.V.R. PROGRAM ITSELF IN
- 18 VIETNAM. SO TO BE FAIRLY ACCURATE.
- 19 MR. VOSS: YOUR HONOR, AT THIS TIME, WE HAVE NOTHING
- 20 FURTHER ON CROSS.
- 21 THE COURT: THEN WE WILL TURN BACK TO MR. HART FOR
- 22 HIS REDIRECT.
- 23 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 24 BY MR. HART:
- 25 Q PROFESSOR, CAN YOU TURN TO EXHIBIT 17, PLEASE.
- 26 THE COURT: YOU MAY APPROACH, IF YOU'D LIKE,



- 1 MR. HART.
- MR. HART: HE SEEMS TO BE MANAGING NOW.
- 3 THE WITNESS: 17, YES.
- 4 MR. HART: RIGHT.
- 5 BY MR. HART:
- 6 Q DO YOU RECOGNIZE WHAT EXHIBIT 17 IS?
- 7 A YES.
- 8 Q TELL US WHAT THAT IS.
- 9 A THIS IS -- YEAH, ABOUT THE ARTICLE THAT
- 10 DR. THANG WROTE ON THE MAY -- I'M SORRY, THE BREAKING NEWS ON
- 11 DECEMBER 25, 2019. THAT WAS CHRISTMASTIME.
- 12 Q OKAY. WHAT YOU SEE IN EXHIBIT 17, WAS THAT
- 13 PUBLISHED ON MACH SONG MEDIA?
- 14 A YEAH, THIS IS IN ENGLISH TRANSLATION. THE
- 15 TITLE, RIGHT: "LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT THE PROGRAM THAT HAS
- 16 SETTLED 20,000 FORMER VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE INTO THE U.S."
- 17 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. NONRESPONSIVE. MOVE TO
- 18 STRIKE.
- 19 THE COURT: OVERRULED.
- 20 BY MR. HART:
- 21 Q IS THIS THE MACH SONG MEDIA POSTING THAT HAS
- 22 THE CONGRESSMAN SMITH VIDEO LINK ATTACHED?
- 23 A YES, THIS IS THE ONE.
- 24 Q AND SO IF YOU GO ON MACH SONG MEDIA AND LOOK
- 25 FOR THIS POSTING, YOU CAN GET THE LINK AND WATCH THE VIDEO OF
- 26 CONGRESSMAN SMITH; CORRECT?



- 1 A YES, THAT'S CORRECT.
- 2 Q AND IS THAT WHAT YOU DID?
- A AND ALSO THE CAPTION BY DR. THANG.
- 4 Q RIGHT.
- 5 AND SO SOME TIME AFTER DECEMBER 25TH OF 2019,
- 6 DID YOU GO ON MACH SONG MEDIA AND LOOK AT THE VIDEO?
- 7 A YES, I DID.
- 8 Q ALL RIGHT. AND DO YOU RECOGNIZE THE PAGE THAT
- 9 APPEARED NEXT TO THE LINK ON MACH SONG MEDIA?
- MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. VAGUE.
- 11 THE COURT: OVERRULED.
- 12 THE WITNESS: THERE WAS ONLY ONE PAGE, PAGE
- 13 17 -- 17-2.
- MR. HART: RIGHT.
- 15 BY MR. HART:
- 16 Q SO YOU HAVE, IN EXHIBIT 17, A VIETNAMESE
- 17 VERSION AND AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION; CORRECT?
- 18 A VIETNAMESE VERSION, YES, AND AN ENGLISH
- 19 TRANSLATION.
- 20 Q OKAY. DO YOU RECOGNIZE THOSE FROM WHEN YOU
- 21 WENT ONLINE TO LOOK AT THAT?
- 22 A ONLINE THERE WAS -- ON B.P.S.O.S., THERE WAS
- 23 ONLY A VIETNAMESE VERSION.
- 24 Q RIGHT. AND YOU CAN SEE THAT ON PAGE 1;
- 25 CORRECT?
- 26 A YEAH, THAT'S THE ONLY VERSION.



- O OKAY. DOES THIS EXHIBIT 17, PAGE 1, APPEAR TO
- 2 BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF WHAT YOU SAW ON MACH SONG MEDIA
- 3 WHEN YOU WENT TO LOOK AT THE VIDEO?
- 4 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. RELEVANCE, YOUR HONOR.
- 5 THE COURT: OVERRULED.
- 6 THE WITNESS: YES.
- 7 BY MR. HART:
- 8 Q AND IN THIS PAGE 1, DO WE SEE COMMENTS ABOUT
- 9 THE VIDEO FROM THE DEFENDANT, NGUYEN DINH THANG?
- 10 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION, YOUR HONOR.
- 11 THE WITNESS: YEAH, THIS IS THE CAPTION.
- 12 THE COURT: MR. KHOA, ONE MOMENT.
- 13 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. RELEVANCE. ENGLISH VERSION IS
- 14 STIPULATED.
- 15 MR. HART: ARE YOU TELLING ME YOU'VE STIPULATED THE
- 16 ENGLISH VERSION INTO EVIDENCE?
- MR. VOSS: MAY WE APPROACH, YOUR HONOR?
- 18 THE COURT: QUICKLY. I'M CONFUSED BY THE OBJECTION.
- 19 I'M NOT SURE.
- 20 ONE MOMENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.
- 21 (SIDEBAR. NO REPORTER.)
- 22 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD IN OPEN COURT IN THE
- 23 PRESENCE OF THE JURY:)
- 24 THE COURT: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, LADIES AND
- 25 GENTLEMEN.
- YOU MAY CONTINUE, MR. HART.



- MR. HART: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR. FOR THE RECORD, I
- 2 THINK WE'VE STIPULATED EXHIBIT 17 INTO EVIDENCE.
- 3 MR. VOSS: WE AGREE WITH THAT STIPULATION, YOUR
- 4 HONOR.
- 5 THE COURT: SO EXHIBIT 17 WILL BE ADMITTED INTO
- 6 EVIDENCE AT THIS POINT IN TIME.
- 7 (EXHIBIT 17 ADMITTED.)
- 8 ALL COUNSEL: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.
- 9 BY MR. HART:
- 10 Q PROFESSOR, ON PAGE 17.2, WE HAVE THE ENGLISH
- 11 VERSION OF THE HEADING FROM MACH SONG MEDIA, DECEMBER 25TH,
- 12 2019, WHERE THE LINK TO THE CONGRESSMAN SMITH VIDEO WAS.
- DO YOU SEE THAT?
- 14 A YES, I SEE, YEAH, BOTH THE HEADING, THE TITLE,
- 15 AND THE LINK TO THE VIDEO.
- 16 Q RIGHT.
- 17 AND SO PEOPLE WHO WENT TO MACH SONG MEDIA TO
- 18 VIEW THE VIDEO WOULD ALSO SEE COMMENTS BY DR. THANG, WOULDN'T
- 19 THEY?
- 20 A YES, CORRECT.
- 21 Q ALL RIGHT. AND IN THESE COMMENTS ON PAGE 2 OF
- 22 EXHIBIT 17, ARE COMMENTS ABOUT RESETTLING 20,000 FORMER BOAT
- 23 PEOPLE, 18,000 FORMER BOAT PEOPLE.
- DO YOU SEE THAT?
- 25 A YES, I SEE THAT.
- 26 Q NOW, YOUR NAME IS NOT MENTIONED ON THIS PAGE,



- 1 IS IT?
- A NO, IT'S NOT MENTIONED, MY NAME.
- 3 Q BUT YOUR WORK IS MENTIONED, ISN'T IT?
- 4 A (NO AUDIBLE RESPONSE.)
- 5 Q I'LL REPHRASE.
- A IF YOU MEAN R.O.V.R., YES.
- 7 Q WHAT I MEAN IS: I.R.A.C. AND
- 8 S.E.A.R.A.C. RESETTLED 18,000 BOAT PEOPLE; ISN'T THAT TRUE?
- 9 A THE NAME OF MY ORGANIZATION IS NOT MENTIONED.
- 10 Q NO, BUT ISN'T IT TRUE THAT I.R.A.C. AND
- 11 S.E.A.R.A.C. ARE THE ONES -- THE ORGANIZATIONS WHO RESETTLED
- 12 18,000 BOAT PEOPLE?
- 13 A YES.
- 14 Q BUT IN THIS COMMENT FROM DR. THANG, HE SAYS
- 15 IT'S THE UNSTINTING EFFORTS OF THE B.P.S.O.S. ORGANIZATION AND
- 16 A FEW ALLIES WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT, DOESN'T HE?
- 17 A YES, HE SAYS SO.
- 18 Q RIGHT.
- 19 AND SO THAT IS A COMMENT THAT AFFECTS YOU AND
- 20 YOUR WORK, DOESN'T IT?
- 21 A YES, YES.
- 22 Q AND ISN'T IT TRUE THAT PEOPLE CALLED YOU TO
- 23 TALK ABOUT THIS ONCE THEY SAW THIS?
- 24 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. ASKED AND ANSWERED.
- THE WITNESS: YES.
- 26 MR. VOSS: BEYOND THE SCOPE OF CROSS.



- 1 THE COURT: OVERRULED. BUT IT WAS. LET'S MOVE
- 2 ALONG, BECAUSE THERE WAS ALREADY TESTIMONY TO THAT EFFECT.
- 3 BY MR. HART:
- 4 Q ALL RIGHT. THE CHRISTMAS VIDEO, YOU RECALL
- 5 TALKING ABOUT THAT?
- A YES.
- 7 Q CONGRESSMAN SMITH PRAISED NGUYEN DINH THANG AND
- 8 B.P.S.O.S. FOR THEIR GOOD WORK, DIDN'T HE?
- 9 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. ASKED AND ANSWERED.
- 10 THE WITNESS: YES.
- 11 THE COURT: OVERRULED. FOUNDATIONAL.
- 12 KEEP GOING, PLEASE.
- 13 BY MR. HART:
- 14 Q THE WORK THAT CONGRESSMAN SMITH PRAISED WAS
- 15 ACTUALLY YOUR WORK AT I.R.A.C. AND S.E.A.R.A.C., WASN'T IT?
- A YES, ACTUALLY, OUR WORK.
- 17 O AND WHO PUBLISHED THIS HEADER PAGE THAT
- 18 PROVIDED THE LINK TO CONGRESSMAN SMITH'S VIDEO? WHO PUBLISHED
- 19 THIS?
- 20 A B.P.S.O.S.
- 21 Q THE DEFENDANT, B.P.S.O.S.?
- 22 A YES, THE DEFENDANT.
- Q OKAY. NOW, PROFESSOR, LET ME SEE IF I CAN PUT
- 24 UP -- I WANT TO PUT UP THE DORNAN LETTERS.
- 25 MR. HART: SO I APOLOGIZE TO EVERYBODY. IT MAY TAKE
- 26 ME A MINUTE TO GET TO THOSE.



- 1 THE COURT: THE COURT'S COPY IS CLEAN, IN MY BINDERS,
- 2 IF YOU NEED A CLEAN VERSION.
- 3 MR. HART: I THINK WE'RE ALL RIGHT, JUDGE. I'LL JUST
- 4 USE THE EXHIBITS.
- 5 BY MR. HART:
- 6 Q TAKE A LOOK FOR A MOMENT AT EXHIBIT 18. IT'S
- 7 THE NEXT ONE IN ORDER.
- 8 THE COURT: THERE'S NOT A TAB FOR IT. JUST TURN THE
- 9 PAGE ONE MORE PAGE, MR. KHOA. 17. THERE'S NO TAB FOR IT
- 10 BECAUSE IT'S A NEW ONE.
- 11 BY MR. HART:
- 12 Q OKAY. DO YOU SEE THIS? THIS IS THE MARCH 10,
- 13 1996 LETTER FROM BOAT PEOPLE S.O.S. TO THE DIRECTOR OF OFFICE
- 14 OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT.
- 15 YOU SEE THAT?
- 16 A I SEE THAT.
- 17 Q AND YOU WERE COPIED. YOU GOT A COPY OF THIS?
- 18 A YES, I GOT A COPY.
- 19 Q ALL RIGHT. AND PRIOR TO RECEIVING THIS LETTER
- 20 IN MARCH OF 1996, DID YOU HAVE ANY CONTACT FROM NGUYEN DINH
- 21 THANG OR ANYBODY AT BOAT PEOPLE S.O.S. TO EXPRESS ANY CONCERNS
- 22 TO YOU ABOUT SOMETHING WITH THE S.E.A.R.A.C. OPERATION?
- MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. RELEVANCE.
- THE COURT: OVERRULED.
- THE WITNESS: NO, I HAVE NO CONTACT BEFORE.
- 26 BY MR. HART:



- 1 Q OKAY. SO WERE YOU SURPRISED TO GET THIS
- 2 LETTER?
- 3 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. RELEVANCE.
- 4 THE COURT: I'LL GIVE HIM A LITTLE LATITUDE.
- 5 THE WITNESS: YES, VERY SURPRISED.
- 6 BY MR. HART:
- 7 Q OKAY. AND DID YOU REACH OUT TO ANYONE IN
- 8 RESPONSE TO RECEIVING THIS LETTER TO SEE WHAT THE ISSUE WAS?
- 9 A THE FIRST THING IS THAT I AM THINKING ABOUT
- 10 WRITING TO THE BOARD OF THE DIRECTORS OF -- THE BOARD OF
- 11 DIRECTORS OF B.P.S.O.S. AND TO -- AND TO MAYBE -- AND WHOEVER
- 12 CONTACT ME, BUT I DIDN'T REMEMBER WHO CONTACT ME ON THAT. I
- 13 THINK JUST O.R.R. AND THE BOARD WITH B.P.S.O.S.
- 14 Q OKAY. SO DO YOU NOW REMEMBER THAT THE BOARD OF
- 15 DIRECTORS FROM B.P.S.O.S. CONTACTED YOU?
- 16 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. ASSUMES FACTS NOT IN EVIDENCE.
- 17 THE WITNESS: NO.
- 18 THE COURT: SUSTAINED.
- 19 THE WITNESS: THEY KEEP QUIET.
- THE COURT: WAIT. WAIT. WAIT.
- 21 SUSTAINED.
- 22 BY MR. HART:
- 23 Q SO, PROFESSOR, IF YOU LOOK THROUGH THIS LETTER,
- 24 IT'S SIX OR SEVEN PAGES, DO YOU SEE IN THERE ANY ISSUE RELATED
- 25 TO YOUR EDUCATIONAL CREDENTIALS?
- 26 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION, YOUR HONOR. RELEVANCE. BEYOND



- 1 THE SCOPE OF CROSS-EXAMINATION.
- 2 THE COURT: OVERRULED AS TO THAT QUESTION.
- 3 YOU MAY RESPOND.
- 4 THE WITNESS: OKAY. TO WHAT QUESTION? ONLY MR. HART
- 5 QUESTION; RIGHT?
- THE COURT: BY MR. HEART.
- 7 THE WITNESS: SO I'M READING IT.
- 8 YES, I THINK SO, BUT LET ME CHECK.
- 9 MR. HART: TAKE YOUR TIME.
- 10 THE WITNESS: NO MENTION ABOUT MY EDUCATION IN HERE.
- 11 BY MR. HART:
- 12 Q OKAY. SO AS OF MARCH 1996, MARCH 10TH
- 13 SPECIFICALLY, HAD ANYBODY FROM ANY ORGANIZATION EVER CONTACTED
- 14 YOU TO TALK ABOUT WHETHER YOU HAD A REAL PH.D. OR NOT?
- 15 A NO.
- 16 Q SO AS OF MARCH 10, 1996, YOUR PH.D. STATUS HAD
- 17 NOT BEEN BROUGHT UP BY ANYONE?
- 18 THE COURT: WELL, LET ME --
- 19 THE WITNESS: NOT ANYONE --
- 20 THE COURT: WAIT. WAIT. MY OWN OBJECTION IS THAT'S
- 21 KIND OF VAGUE AS IN NOT "BROUGHT UP BY." BROUGHT UP TO WHOM?
- MR. HART: OKAY. I'LL REPHRASE.
- THE COURT: THANK YOU.
- 24 BY MR. HART:
- 25 Q WHEN WAS THE FIRST TIME ANYBODY QUESTIONED YOUR
- 26 EDUCATIONAL CREDENTIALS?



- 1 A WELL, THAT WAS IN THE ARTICLE OF DR. THANG.
- 2 Q NO, THE FIRST TIME. REMEMBER, WE WENT THROUGH
- 3 THE LETTERS FROM DORNAN?
- 4 A YEAH. ON MAY 25TH.
- 5 Q OKAY. PAY ATTENTION. LISTEN CAREFULLY TO MY
- 6 QUESTION.
- AS OF 1996, WHEN IS THE FIRST TIME ANYBODY
- 8 MENTIONED ANYTHING ABOUT WHETHER YOU WERE A PH.D.?
- 9 A I THINK ONLY DR. THANG. AND THE FIRST TIME --
- 10 AS OF 1996?
- 11 Q PROFESSOR, DID YOU GET A CONTACT FROM
- 12 CONGRESSMAN DORNAN'S OFFICE IN THE SPRING OF 1996?
- 13 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION, YOUR HONOR. BEYOND THE SCOPE
- 14 OF CROSS-EXAMINATION.
- 15 THE COURT: OVERRULED.
- 16 THE WITNESS: I DIDN'T HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH
- 17 CONGRESSMAN DORNAN'S STAFF BEFORE.
- 18 BY MR. HART:
- 19 Q BEFORE MARCH OF '96?
- A BEFORE MARCH OF '96.
- 21 Q AT SOME POINT AFTER THIS LETTER, DID
- 22 CONGRESSMAN DORNAN ASK YOU TO PROVIDE HIM A COPY OF YOUR
- 23 CURRICULUM VITAE?
- 24 A YES, IN -- I THINK THAT'S THE LETTER IN
- 25 APRIL OR SOMETIME IN '96, 1996. HE DID ASK ME TO PROVIDE -- I
- 26 DON'T KNOW WHETHER CURRICULUM VITAE OR NOT, BUT PROVIDE A FEW



- 1 DOCUMENTS.
- 2 Q AND DID YOU PROVIDE THEM?
- A YEAH, I DID. I DID PROVIDE.
- 4 Q OKAY. NOW, TURN TO EXHIBIT 233, WHICH IS THE
- 5 APRIL 2ND, 1996 LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN DORNAN.
- 6 THE COURT: YOU MAY NEED TO APPROACH. IT'S IN THE
- 7 OTHER BINDER.
- 8 MR. HART: I'LL GET IT FOR YOU, PROFESSOR.
- 9 THE WITNESS: OKAY.
- 10 BY MR. HART:
- 11 Q OKAY. YOU SEE THIS LETTER AT THE BEGINNING?
- 12 THIS IS A LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN DORNAN TO THE DIRECTOR OF
- O.R.R., OFFICE OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT?
- 14 A YES, THIS -- I SEE THAT.
- 15 O ALL RIGHT. SO THE LETTER SAYS: "THIS IS A
- 16 FOLLOWUP TO MY LETTER TO YOUR OFFICE ON MARCH 6, 1996."
- 17 DO YOU SEE THAT?
- 18 A YES, I SEE THAT.
- 19 Q ALL RIGHT. AND THEN IT SAYS: "SINCE THAT
- 20 TIME, MY STAFF HAS CONTINUED OUR INVESTIGATION INTO THE
- 21 S.E.A.R.A.C. ORGANIZATION."
- 22 DO YOU SEE THAT SECOND SENTENCE, IN MARCH OR
- 23 APRIL OF 1996?
- 24 A YES, I SEE THAT.
- 25 Q IN MARCH OR APRIL OF 1996, YOU WERE THE
- 26 PRESIDENT OF S.E.A.R.A.C., WERE YOU NOT?



- 1 A YES, I WAS THE PRESIDENT.
- 2 Q WERE YOU AWARE THAT CONGRESSMAN DORNAN'S OFFICE
- 3 WAS DOING SOME KIND OF INVESTIGATION ON YOU?
- 4 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. ASKED AND ANSWERED.
- 5 THE COURT: OVERRULED.
- THE WITNESS: I DON'T KNOW WHETHER HE DID IT OR NOT.
- 7 I'M NOT AWARE OF THAT.
- 8 BY MR. HART:
- 9 Q SO OTHER THAN TO REQUEST A FEW DOCUMENTS, WHICH
- 10 YOU PROVIDED, WAS THERE ANY OTHER CONTACT FROM DORNAN'S
- 11 OFFICE?
- 12 A NO.
- 13 Q OKAY. IN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH IT SAYS THAT:
- 14 "ENCLOSED IS AN ARTICLE FROM MARCH 1996 COMMUNITY NEWS
- 15 MAGAZINE PUBLISHED IN MY DISTRICT IN ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
- 16 ENTITLED 'S.E.A.R.A.C. AND N.A.V.A.S.A. FOUND TO HAVE
- 17 MISAPPROPRIATED VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY OF ORANGE COUNTY NAME."
- 18 DO YOU SEE THAT? THAT'S IN THE SECOND
- 19 PARAGRAPH.
- 20 A YEAH, I SEE THIS, BUT IT'S TRUE -- NO, IT'S
- 21 FALSE.
- 22 Q DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS CONTENTION THAT
- 23 S.E.A.R.A.C. AND N.A.V.A.S.A. MAY HAVE MISAPPROPRIATED SOME
- 24 COMMUNITY NAME?
- A NO. THIS IS WRONG. I DON'T THINK SO. I DON'T
- 26 AGREE WITH THIS.



- 1 Q OKAY. WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE CHARGE THAT
- 2 S.E.A.R.A.C. MISAPPROPRIATED A COMMUNITY NAME?
- 3 A YEAH, DEFINITELY S.E.A.R.A.C. NEVER
- 4 MISAPPROPRIATED THE COMMUNITY NAME.
- 5 Q DID ANYBODY EVER CONTACT YOU TO CLAIM OR TO
- 6 NOTIFY YOU THAT THEY WERE MAKING THAT CHARGE?
- 7 A NOBODY TO CONTACT ME FOR THIS.
- 8 Q DID YOU EVER READ THAT ARTICLE?
- 9 A I'M NOT SURE IF I READ IT OR I JUST HEARD ABOUT
- 10 THAT, BUT I -- I MAY HAVE READ IT MAYBE, BUT -- BUT, YOU KNOW,
- 11 SO MANY THINGS IN THE COMMUNITY THAT YOU CAN -- YOU CANNOT
- 12 READ EVERYTHING, BUT I MAY HAVE.
- 13 Q DO YOU KNOW WHO THE PERSON AL SANTOLI IS?
- 14 A YES, I KNOW AL SANTOLI.
- 15 O WHO IS THAT PERSON?
- 16 A WHO? HE'S A WRITER, AND HE USED TO CONTACT TO
- 17 COOPERATE WITH S.E.A.R.A.C. AND I PERSONALLY ORGANIZE FOR HIM
- 18 TO TALK A FEW TIMES --
- 19 Q ARE YOU SURE THAT'S WHO AL SANTOLI IS?
- 20 A -- ABOUT THE REFUGEE SITUATION.
- 21 Q OKAY. LOOK AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SECOND PAGE OF
- 22 EXHIBIT 233. YOU SEE THE LAST SENTENCE WHERE CONGRESSMAN
- 23 DORNAN SAYS, "IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL MY
- 24 ASSISTANT, AL SANTOLI," AND HE GIVES A PHONE NUMBER?
- 25 A OKAY. I SEE THAT, BUT I KNOW SANTOLI. I KNOW
- 26 AL SANTOLI, BUT I DID NOT CONTACT HIM ABOUT THIS.



- 1 Q DID YOU KNOW HIM TO BE AN EMPLOYEE OF
- 2 CONGRESSMAN DORNAN?
- 3 A YES, I ALREADY KNOW THROUGH THIS LETTER.
- 4 Q OKAY. SO YOU'VE INTERACTED WITH HIM BEFORE,
- 5 BEFORE THE DATE OF THIS LETTER?
- A BEFORE, YES.
- 7 Q OKAY. ALL RIGHT. LET'S MOVE ON TO
- 8 EXHIBIT 234, WHICH IS THE APRIL 30TH LETTER.
- 9 NEXT ONE, PROFESSOR.
- 10 A YES, I SEE THAT.
- 11 Q OKAY. AND IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH, YOU SEE THAT
- 12 IT SAYS: "BEGINNING IN JANUARY 1996, I HAVE RECEIVED AN
- 13 OVERWHELMING NUMBER OF TELEPHONE CALLS AND LETTERS FROM
- 14 RESPECTED VIETNAMESE LEADERS IN MY DISTRICT AND ACROSS THE
- 15 UNITED STATES."
- 16 DO YOU SEE THAT IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH?
- 17 A YES, I SEE THAT.
- 18 Q AND THEN THE NEXT SENTENCE SAYS:
- 19 "SPECIFICALLY, THEY HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR OPPOSITION TO FEDERAL
- 20 GOVERNMENT FUNDING OF PRIVATE 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATION SOUTHEAST
- 21 ASIA RESOURCE ACTION CENTER, FORMALLY KNOWN AS INDOCHINA
- 22 RESOURCE ACTION CENTER."
- 23 YOU SEE THAT?
- 24 A I KNOW THAT THROUGH THIS LETTER ONLY.
- Q OKAY. SO THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT I.R.A.C. AND
- 26 S.E.A.R.A.C., THIS LETTER FROM DORNAN?



- 1 A THEY TALK ABOUT -- WELL, EITHER.
- 2 Q LISTEN CAREFULLY TO THIS QUESTION.
- 3 A I'M SORRY. LET ME SEE. IT WAS S.E.A.R.A.C.
- 4 O RIGHT.
- 5 PROFESSOR, IN 1996, WERE YOU ACQUAINTED WITH
- 6 ANY OF THE COMMUNITY LEADERS IN THE VIETNAMESE-AMERICAN
- 7 COMMUNITY IN ORANGE COUNTY?
- 8 A YEAH, I KNOW SOME OF THEM.
- 9 O OKAY. DID ANY OF THEM EVER CONTACT YOU TO
- 10 COMPLAIN ABOUT S.E.A.R.A.C.?
- 11 A NO.
- 12 Q ALL RIGHT. HAVE ANY VIETNAMESE-AMERICAN
- 13 LEADERS FROM ANY OTHER COMMUNITY EVER CONTACTED YOU IN 1996 TO
- 14 COMPLAIN ABOUT S.E.A.R.A.C.?
- MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. VAGUE.
- THE COURT: OVERRULED.
- 17 YOU MAY RESPOND.
- 18 THE WITNESS: SOME OF THEM, THEY CONTACT ME, BUT
- 19 THEY -- THEY DIDN'T TALK -- THEY DID NOT EXPRESS ANY OBJECTION
- 20 TO -- TO -- MY ACTIVITY TO S.E.A.R.A.C. AT ALL.
- 21 BY MR. HART:
- 22 Q OKAY. SO MOVING ON IN THIS FIRST PARAGRAPH, IT
- 23 THEN SAYS, "THEIR CONCERNS INCLUDE," AND WE HAVE THE FIVE
- 24 ITEMS.
- DO YOU SEE THAT?
- 26 A YES, I SEE THAT.



- 1 Q ALL RIGHT. AND SO WHEN, IN ITEM NUMBER 5, IT
- 2 SAYS, "MR. KHOA'S SELF-PROMOTION AS PH.D.," THEN THIS IS ONE
- 3 OF THE CONCERNS COMMUNICATED TO CONGRESSMAN DORNAN; ISN'T THAT
- 4 RIGHT?
- 5 A YES, THAT'S COMMUNICATED TO DORNAN.
- 6 O OKAY. SO IF AN OVERWHELMING NUMBER OF
- 7 TELEPHONE CALLS AND LETTERS FROM RESPECTED VIETNAMESE-AMERICAN
- 8 LEADERS IN ORANGE COUNTY -- OH, AND ACROSS THE UNITED STATES,
- 9 HAVE CONTACTED DORNAN TO EXPRESS THIS CONCERN ABOUT YOUR
- 10 SELF-PROMOTION OF PH.D., DID ANY OF THEM CONTACT YOU ABOUT IT?
- 11 A NO.
- 12 Q IS THIS APRIL 30, 1996 LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN
- 13 DORNAN THE FIRST TIME YOU HAD ANY NOTICE THAT THERE WAS SOME
- 14 QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER YOU WERE A PH.D. OR NOT?
- 15 A YES, THAT'S THE FIRST TIME.
- 16 Q AND THIS LETTER WASN'T COPIED TO YOU, WAS IT?
- 17 A I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS COPIED TO ME OR NOT, BUT
- 18 I READ IT. I SAW THAT.
- 19 Q DO YOU KNOW HOW YOU GOT A COPY OF THIS LETTER?
- 20 A I THINK -- NO, I DON'T THINK SO. I DID NOT GET
- 21 A COPY. THIS COPY, THE 30TH OF APRIL TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT,
- 22 I DIDN'T GET IT.
- 23 Q YOU HAVE SEEN THIS BEFORE; RIGHT?
- 24 A YEAH, BEFORE THIS DATE, YES.
- 25 Q BUT YOU CAN'T REMEMBER WHEN YOU FIRST SAW IT?
- 26 A I COULDN'T REMEMBER, YES.



- 1 Q OKAY. NOW, WERE YOU AWARE, IN 1996, THAT
- 2 AL SANTOLI, FROM CONGRESSMAN DORNAN'S OFFICE, WAS INVITING
- 3 NGUYEN DINH THANG TO COME OVER TO THE OFFICE SO HE COULD GIVE
- 4 HIM DOCUMENTS FROM S.E.A.R.A.C.?
- 5 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. ASSUMES FACTS NOT IN EVIDENCE.
- 6 MISCHARACTERIZES THE EVIDENCE.
- 7 THE WITNESS: I DIDN'T KNOW THAT --
- 8 THE COURT: WAIT. WAIT. OVERRULED.
- 9 YOU MAY ANSWER NOW, SIR.
- 10 THE WITNESS: OKAY. I DIDN'T -- I DIDN'T GET THAT.
- 11 I DON'T KNOW THAT.
- 12 BY MR. HART:
- 13 Q YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT MR. SANTOLI --
- 14 A I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT --
- 15 O -- WAS GIVING S.E.A.R.A.C. DOCUMENTS TO
- 16 NGUYEN --
- 17 A I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ANYTHING ABOUT RELATIONSHIP
- 18 BETWEEN SANTOLI AND DR. THANG.
- 19 O OKAY. IN MARCH OF 1996, WAS THERE A
- 20 CONGRESSMAN SMITH -- HOLD ON. LET ME BACK UP AND REPHRASE
- 21 THAT.
- 22 DO YOU RECOGNIZE THE TERM "ANTI-CPA AMENDMENT"?
- 23 DO YOU REMEMBER THAT FROM YOUR TIME IN 1996?
- 24 A YEAH. THE TERM "ANTI-CPA AMENDMENT," I READ IT
- 25 IN THE ARTICLE OF DR. THANG.
- 26 Q OKAY. BACK IN 1996, WERE YOU AWARE OF



- 1 CONGRESSMAN SMITH'S AMENDMENT?
- 2 A THAT WAS THE ARTICLE OF DR. THANG -- YEAH, IN
- 3 1996, I KNOW ABOUT CONGRESSMAN SMITH AMENDMENT.
- 4 Q OKAY. TELL US --
- 5 A THAT KIND OF AMENDMENT, ESPECIALLY, IT IS VERY
- 6 CONFUSING ABOUT AMENDMENT.
- 7 Q OKAY. TELL US WHAT YOU REMEMBER ABOUT THE
- 8 ANTI-CPA AMENDMENT AUTHORED BY CONGRESSMAN SMITH IN 1996.
- 9 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. RELEVANCE. 352. BEYOND THE
- 10 SCOPE OF --
- 11 THE WITNESS: OKAY.
- 12 THE COURT: WAIT. WAIT.
- 13 LET ME HEAR THE REST OF THAT.
- 14 MR. VOSS: BEYOND THE SCOPE OF CROSS-EXAMINATION.
- 15 THE COURT: SUSTAINED.
- 16 BY MR. HART:
- 17 Q OKAY. PROFESSOR, WHEN YOU SUBMITTED GRANT
- 18 APPLICATIONS TO DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT ENTITIES, DID ANYONE
- 19 REQUIRE YOU TO SIGN THEM UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY?
- 20 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. ASKED AND ANSWERED.
- THE COURT: OVERRULED.
- YOU KNOW MAY RESPOND.
- THE WITNESS: I WAS NOT REQUIRED TO SIGN UNDER
- 24 PENALTY OF PERJURY.
- 25 BY MR. HART:
- 26 Q OKAY. DID YOU EVER HEAR THAT TERM "PENALTY OF



- 1 PERJURY" BEFORE TODAY?
- 2 A NO.
- 3 Q AND NEVER IN THE CONTEXT OF SUBMITTING GRANT
- 4 APPLICATIONS?
- 5 A I NEVER HEARD OF THE WORD "PENALTY OF PERJURY"
- 6 BEFORE TODAY RELATING TO GRANT APPLICATIONS, MY GRANT
- 7 APPLICATIONS.
- 8 Q OKAY. SO WHEN YOU DID THOSE GRANT
- 9 APPLICATIONS, YOU DID EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO MAKE SURE
- 10 THEY WERE ACCURATELY SET FORTH; CORRECT? YOU WERE CAREFUL NOT
- 11 TO MAKE MISTAKES?
- 12 A YEAH. WHEN I SIGN A GRANT, I AM SURE THAT I
- 13 HAVE READ IT AND APPROVE IT SO THAT I CAN SIGN IT.
- 14 Q OKAY. AND ALL THE WAY UP UNTIL MARCH OF 1996
- 15 OR MAYBE APRIL OF 1996, NOBODY HAD EVER CHALLENGED YOU ABOUT A
- 16 PH.D. DEGREE, HAD THEY?
- 17 A NOBODY CHALLENGE ME.
- 18 Q OKAY. SO YOU WERE, IN 1996, ONE YEAR AWAY FROM
- 19 RETIREMENT, LESS THAN A YEAR?
- A YES.
- 21 Q BEFORE DR. THANG PUBLISHED IN HIS MAY 25, 2020
- 22 ARTICLE, HAD ANYONE EVER ACCUSED YOU OF FALSELY CLAIMING A
- 23 PH.D. OR DOCTORAL DEGREE AS PART OF A GRANT APPLICATION?
- A NOBODY AT ALL.
- MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. COMPOUND.
- 26 THE COURT: WAIT. WAIT. WAIT. WAIT.



- 1 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. COMPOUND AND RELEVANCE.
- THE COURT: OVERRULED.
- 3 YOU MAY RESPOND, SIR.
- 4 THE WITNESS: NOBODY DID IT. THAT MEANS NOBODY
- 5 ACCUSE ME FOR THIS.
- 6 BY MR. HART:
- 7 Q DID ANYBODY FROM CONGRESSMAN DORNAN'S OFFICE
- 8 EVER ACCUSE YOU OF FALSELY CLAIMING A PH.D. DEGREE?
- 9 A NO.
- 10 MR. VOSS: AGAIN --
- 11 THE COURT: WAIT. WAIT. WAIT.
- 12 MR. VOSS: -- RELEVANCE AS PHRASED.
- 13 THE COURT: OVERRULED.
- 14 YOU MAY RESPOND NOW, SIR.
- 15 THE WITNESS: NOBODY FROM THE CONGRESSMAN OFFICE
- 16 CONTACT ME OR ACCUSE ME BEFORE THAT.
- 17 BY MR. HART:
- 18 Q OKAY. LET'S LOOK, WHILE WE'RE ON THIS SUBJECT,
- 19 AT -- YOU'RE ON 234, CORRECT, THIS IS THE APRIL 30 LETTER?
- A YES.
- 21 Q ONE OF THE CONCERNS, ITEM NUMBER 5:
- 22 "MISREPRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS MAY HAVE RESULTED
- 23 IN RECEIVING STATE DEPARTMENT GRANTS OVER COMPETING
- 24 APPLICANTS."
- 25 YOU SEE THAT?
- 26 A YEAH, I SEE THAT.



- 1 Q WHEN YOU WERE SUBMITTING GRANT APPLICATIONS TO
- 2 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WERE YOU COMPETING WITH OTHER NGO'S OR
- 3 501(C)(3) COMPANIES FOR THE MONEY YOU WERE ASKING FOR?
- 4 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. CALLS FOR SPECULATION.
- 5 MISSTATES THE EVIDENCE.
- THE COURT: OVERRULED. IT ASKED FOR HIS KNOWLEDGE,
- 7 TO HIS KNOWLEDGE.
- 8 THE WITNESS: I DON'T THINK I'M COMPETING WITH
- 9 ANYBODY.
- 10 BY MR. HART:
- 11 Q OKAY. CAN YOU EVER REMEMBER IN THAT TIME
- 12 FRAME --
- 13 A NO COMPETITION IN HERE.
- 14 Q SO IT WAS JUST A MATTER OF SEEING A NEED AND
- 15 SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO SERVE THAT NEED?
- A THAT'S CORRECT.
- 17 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. CALLS FOR SPECULATION.
- 18 THE COURT: WAIT. WAIT.
- 19 MR. VOSS: CALLS FOR SPECULATION.
- 20 THE COURT: OVERRULED. IT'S HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE
- 21 PROCESS.
- 22 BY MR. HART:
- 23 Q WOULD YOU SAY YOUR ANSWER AGAIN, PLEASE,
- 24 PROFESSOR.
- 25 A I'M SURE THAT I'M NOT COMPETING. AND I'M NOT
- 26 AWARE THAT -- OR WHO -- WHICH NGO IS SUBMITTING TOO. I DON'T



- 1 KNOW.
- Q IT'S A BLIND PROCESS?
- A I DID NOT -- I WAS NOT CONCERNED ABOUT THAT.
- 4 Q OKAY. DID YOU EVER FAIL TO GET FUNDING FROM A
- 5 GRANT APPLICATION?
- A I'M PRETTY SURE I CAN GET THE FUNDING
- 7 BECAUSE -- YEAH, IT BELONG TO THE R.O.V.R. PROGRAM ANYWAY,
- 8 AND --
- 9 THE COURT: MR. KHOA, I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE
- 10 QUESTION.
- 11 BY MR. HART:
- 12 Q LET ME ASK IT AGAIN.
- 13 IN ALL YOUR TIME AT I.R.A.C. AND S.E.A.R.A.C.,
- 14 WHEN YOU MADE GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT -- TO THE
- 15 GOVERNMENT NOW, NOT ANYBODY ELSE -- DID YOU EVER FAIL TO GET
- 16 THE GRANT? DID THEY EVER REJECT YOU?
- 17 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. RELEVANCE. BEYOND THE SCOPE
- 18 OF CROSS.
- 19 THE COURT: OVERRULED.
- 20 YOU MAY RESPOND.
- THE WITNESS: YES, IT'S UNDER S.E.A.R.A.C.,
- 22 DEFINITELY. THE NAME OF S.E.A.R.A.C. WAS STARTED IN 1993. SO
- 23 DEFINITELY IN '96 IT'S DEFINITELY S.E.A.R.A.C., NOT I.R.A.C.
- 24 OKAY.
- 25 AND NUMBER TWO, THIS IS MY FIRST GRANT AND THE
- 26 ONLY GRANT APPLICATION THAT I SUBMITTED TO THE STATE



- 1 DEPARTMENT. OKAY. AND THERE WAS NO REJECTION AT ALL.
- 2 MR. HART: OKAY.
- 3 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. MOVE TO STRIKE AS
- 4 NONRESPONSIVE.
- 5 THE COURT: I WILL STRIKE THAT ONE AS NONRESPONSIVE.
- 6 YOU CAN ASK IT AGAIN, THOUGH, TO --
- 7 BY MR. HART:
- 8 Q PROFESSOR KHOA, THE QUESTION IS WHETHER OR NOT
- 9 IN ANY OF YOUR GRANT APPLICATIONS, FROM THE I.R.A.C. YEARS TO
- 10 THE S.E.A.R.A.C. YEARS, WERE YOUR APPLICATIONS EVER REJECTED?
- 11 A AS I SAID, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT I SUBMIT
- 12 A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AND IT WAS NOT
- 13 REJECTED.
- 14 THE COURT: MR. KHOA, IT'S NOT LIMITED -- LET ME TRY
- 15 THIS.
- 16 MR. KHOA, AT ANY TIME THAT EITHER I.R.A.C. OR
- 17 S.E.A.R.A.C. SUBMITTED A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL
- 18 GOVERNMENT, REGARDLESS OF THE DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION, WERE ANY
- 19 DENIED?
- 20 THE WITNESS: AS FAR AS I REMEMBER, NO REJECTION FROM
- 21 THE GOVERNMENT.
- 22 BY MR. HART:
- 23 Q OKAY. WOULD YOU SOMETIMES GET QUESTIONS IN
- 24 RESPONSE TO A GRANT APPLICATION?
- 25 A I DON'T THINK SO.
- Q OKAY.



- 1 A MAYBE SOME CLARIFICATION OR WHAT, BUT NO
- 2 REJECTION.
- 3 O SOME THINGS THAT NEEDED TO BE FIXED?
- A NO, I DON'T THINK.
- 5 Q YOU DON'T REMEMBER EVER HAVING THAT ISSUE?
- A THAT'S VERY MINOR, I THINK.
- 7 Q OKAY. PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT EXHIBIT 212.
- 8 THE COURT: HE MAY NEED HELP. THAT'S IN A DIFFERENT
- 9 BINDER.
- 10 BY MR. HART:
- 11 Q REMIND THE JURY WHAT EXHIBIT 212 IS, PLEASE.
- 12 A YES, I HAVE IT.
- 13 Q OKAY. REMIND THE JURY WHAT THAT IS, PLEASE.
- 14 A SO THIS IS BIODATA WRITTEN BY SOMEBODY IN MY
- 15 STAFF.
- 16 Q OKAY. SO THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN FROM BEFORE 1993
- 17 WHEN YOU WERE STILL I.R.A.C.?
- 18 A I ALREADY EXPLAIN ABOUT THIS BEFORE, AND I CAN
- 19 REPEAT IT NOW. THE PURPOSE OF THIS --
- THE COURT: MR. KHOA.
- 21 THE WITNESS: -- IS TO --
- 22 THE COURT: THERE'S NO QUESTION PENDING, FIRST OF
- 23 ALL. AND THEN THERE WAS EFFORT TO HAVE AN OBJECTION.
- 24 MR. VOSS: WELL, IF THERE'S NO QUESTION PENDING, I
- 25 CAN'T HAVE AN OBJECTION.
- THE COURT: OKAY.



- 1 BY MR. HART:
- 2 Q PROFESSOR -- WAITING FOR THE TECHNOLOGY TO
- 3 CATCH UP -- WHO PREPARED THIS DOCUMENT THAT WE SEE IN
- 4 EXHIBIT 212?
- 5 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. ASKED AND ANSWERED.
- THE COURT: OVERRULED.
- 7 THE WITNESS: OKAY. IT SHOULD BE PREPARED BY ONE OF
- 8 MY STAFF, BUT I COULD NOT REMEMBER THE NAME. FOR EXAMPLE, IT
- 9 CAN BE PREPARED BY THE DEPUTY OR EVEN MY SECRETARY.
- 10 BY MR. HART:
- 11 Q OKAY. WAS IT PREPARED BY YOU?
- 12 A JUST TO INTRODUCE ME TO THE AUDIENCE.
- Q WE'LL GET TO THAT.
- 14 WAS THIS PREPARED BY YOU IN ANY WAY?
- 15 A NO, IT'S NOT PREPARED BY ME.
- 16 Q HOW DID I.R.A.C. USE THIS DOCUMENT THAT WE SEE
- 17 AS EXHIBIT 212?
- 18 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. ASKED AND ANSWERED.
- 19 THE COURT: OVERRULED.
- 20 THE WITNESS: AS I SAID, IT IS USED IN THE PUBLIC
- 21 MEETING. FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN I WAS INTRODUCED TO THE AUDIENCE
- 22 OR WHEN VISITORS CAME TO S.E.A.R.A.C. TO VISIT S.E.A.R.A.C.,
- 23 AND MY STAFF GAVE THEM IN ADVANCE, MAYBE, ABOUT ME.
- 24 BY MR. HART:
- 25 Q OKAY. TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, WAS THIS DOCUMENT,
- 26 EXHIBIT 212, EVER USED AS ANY PART OF A GRANT APPLICATION?



- A NO. THIS IS NOT A RESUME TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY
- 2 APPLICATION, GRANT APPLICATION.
- 3 Q LET'S LOOK AT EXHIBIT 214, PLEASE.
- 4 A YES, I HAVE 214.
- 5 Q YOU SEE THAT?
- 6 A (NO AUDIBLE RESPONSE.)
- 7 Q CAN YOU TELL US WHAT IT MEANS TO BE "RESPONSES
- 8 TO ISSUES OF CONCERN"? WHAT DOES THAT TITLE MEAN?
- 9 A THIS NUMBER OF ISSUE -- ISSUES OF CONCERN OF
- 10 TECHNICAL PROPOSAL. I DID NOT PREPARE THIS, BUT I THINK THAT
- 11 THIS IS -- I THINK THAT THIS IS THE USUAL WAY BETWEEN THE
- 12 PROPOSAL WRITER AND THE -- AND THE GRANTER.
- 13 SO THIS IS PART OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
- 14 PROPOSAL AND THE GRANTER. THIS IS THE KIND OF AGREEMENT OF
- 15 ISSUES THAT THEY AGREED AND SIGN IT.
- 16 Q ALL RIGHT. DO YOU UNDERSTAND --
- 17 A NEGOTIATED BETWEEN -- BETWEEN MY STAFF AND
- 18 THE -- AND THE GRANTER.
- 19 Q SO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS WHEN YOU'RE DEALING
- 20 WITH A GRANTER, THEY MAY PUT LIMITS OR TERMS ON THE GRANT OF
- 21 FUNDING?
- 22 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. LEADING. ASSUMES FACTS NOT IN
- 23 EVIDENCE.
- THE COURT: OVERRULED.
- JUST BE CAREFUL WITH THE LEADING.
- THE WITNESS: YES, THIS HAS CONDITIONS.



- 1 BY MR. HART:
- 2 Q SO AFTER THE GRANT IS -- PROPOSAL IS DELIVERED
- 3 TO THE GRANTOR, THEY MAY COME BACK WITH ISSUES; IS THAT WHAT
- 4 THIS IS ABOUT?
- 5 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. BEYOND THE SCOPE OF
- 6 CROSS-EXAMINATION.
- 7 THE COURT: OVERRULED.
- 8 THE WITNESS: YEAH, IF -- IF THE ISSUES ARE NOT
- 9 OBSERVED. THAT MEANS IF THEY IN VIOLATION. BUT I DON'T THINK
- 10 ANY -- ANY VIOLATION HAS BEEN -- HAS OCCURRED.
- 11 BY MR. HART:
- 12 Q OKAY. DID YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH
- 13 PREPARING THIS PARTICULAR DOCUMENT, EXHIBIT 214?
- 14 A NO. FRANKLY, I -- I DID NOT PREPARE THIS. SO
- 15 I DON'T KNOW.
- 16 Q DID YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH PREPARING IT?
- 17 A I DID NOT PREPARE IT. I DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN
- 18 THE PROCESS.
- 19 Q OKAY.
- 20 A THIS IS A TECHNICAL BETWEEN MY STAFF OR THE
- 21 PROJECT DIRECTOR AND THE GRANTER.
- Q OKAY. SO LET'S TURN TO EXHIBIT 221, PLEASE.
- 23 THAT'S THE LAST EXHIBIT IN THAT NO. 1 BINDER.
- 24 A YES, I HAVE 221 IN HERE.
- 25 Q OKAY. THIS EXHIBIT IS EIGHT PAGES.
- 26 CAN YOU TELL WHAT THIS EXHIBIT ACTUALLY IS?



- 1 A THE EXHIBIT --
- 2 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. ASKED AND ANSWERED.
- 3 THE COURT: WAIT. WAIT FOR JUST ONE MOMENT.
- 4 OVERRULED.
- 5 NOW YOU MAY RESPOND, SIR.
- 6 THE WITNESS: OKAY. THIS PROPOSAL IS TECHNICAL
- 7 PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION IN
- 8 BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.
- 9 BY MR. HART:
- 10 Q CAN YOU LOOK THROUGH THE DIFFERENT PAGES. WHEN
- 11 I LOOK AT PAGE 3, THE PAGE NUMBER SAYS 61.
- DO YOU SEE THAT?
- 13 A YES, I SEE THAT NOW.
- 14 Q DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE OTHER 59 PAGES ARE?
- 15 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. RELEVANCE, YOUR HONOR. BEYOND
- 16 THE SCOPE OF CROSS. THE DOCUMENT'S BEEN RECEIVED INTO
- 17 EVIDENCE.
- 18 THE COURT: COUNSEL, IF WE COULD HAVE A QUICK
- 19 SIDEBAR.
- 20 WAIT. WAIT, MR. KHOA, YOU CAN FLIP
- 21 THROUGH THAT, TAKE YOUR TIME TO LOOK AT IT, BUT WE'RE JUST
- 22 GOING TO TAKE A MOMENT HERE.
- 23 (SIDEBAR. NO REPORTER.)
- 24 (BACK IN OPEN COURT.)
- 25 THE COURT: THANK YOU VERY KINDLY, LADIES AND
- 26 GENTLEMEN. JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE BEFORE WE GET TO OUR BREAK



- 1 THIS AFTERNOON.
- 2 GO RIGHT AHEAD. YOU MAY CONTINUE, MR. HART.
- 3 MR. HART: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.
- 4 THAT'S ALL, JUDGE.
- THE COURT: ANYTHING, MR. VOSS?
- 6 MR. VOSS: YES.
- 7 RECROSS-EXAMINATION
- 8 BY MR. VOSS:
- 9 Q MR. KHOA, AGAIN, JUST NOW YOU WERE ASKED
- 10 QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR PH.D. STATUS; ISN'T THAT CORRECT?
- 11 A YES.
- 12 Q OKAY. AT ANY TIME DID DR. THANG OR B.P.S.O.S.
- 13 EVER USE THAT SPECIFIC PHRASE, "PH.D." --
- 14 A YES.
- 15 O -- IN RAISING ANY ISSUE ABOUT YOU AT ALL?
- 16 A I THINK HE USE BOTH --
- 17 Q WHERE?
- 18 A -- PH.D. AND DOCTOR.
- 19 Q CAN YOU TELL US WHERE, IN WRITING, DR. THANG OR
- 20 B.P.S.O.S. EVER USED THAT TERM OF ART "PH.D." THAT YOU WERE
- 21 QUESTIONED ABOUT?
- 22 A WELL, I NEED TO CHECK WHAT HE SAID IN HIS
- 23 ARTICLE.
- 24 Q LET'S TURN TO EXHIBIT NUMBER 18.
- 25 THE COURT: I THINK THAT'S IT RIGHT THERE.
- 26 BY MR. VOSS:



- 1 Q THIS IS THE MARCH 10, 1996 LETTER FROM
- 2 B.P.S.O.S. TO MS. LIMON; RIGHT?
- 3 A (NO AUDIBLE RESPONSE.)
- 4 Q THERE'S NOT -- AT NO TIME IN THIS LETTER --
- THE COURT: WAIT. WAIT. HE'S STILL FLIPPING AROUND.
- THE WITNESS: LET ME SEE THAT.
- 7 THE COURT: RIGHT THERE.
- THE WITNESS: WHAT NUMBER? THIS ONE?
- 9 THE COURT: YES.
- 10 THE WITNESS: YEAH, OKAY. SO IT'S NUMBER 18.
- 11 THE COURT: GO RIGHT AHEAD, MR. VOSS.
- 12 BY MR. VOSS:
- 13 Q AT NO TIME IN EXHIBIT 18 DID THE PHRASE OF ART
- 14 "PH.D." EVER GET USED; ISN'T THAT CORRECT?
- A NO, I DON'T THINK SO.
- 16 Q YOU WOULD AGREE WITH ME "PH.D." IS NEVER
- 17 MENTIONED IN THIS LETTER?
- 18 A NO -- YES.
- 19 Q YOU WOULD AGREE?
- 20 A YEAH, IT'S NOT MENTIONED IN THERE.
- 21 Q OKAY. AND THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS YOU WERE
- 22 ASKED ABOUT -- THE FIRST TIME YOU WERE QUESTIONED ABOUT YOUR
- 23 DOCTOR'S CREDENTIALS, IT'S CORRECT TO SAY THAT THERE IS
- 24 NOTHING AT ALL IN EXHIBIT 18 QUESTIONING YOUR CREDENTIALS FOR
- 25 HAVING A DOCTOR'S DEGREE; ISN'T THAT CORRECT? IT'S DEVOID OF
- 26 ANY COMMENT ABOUT YOUR DOCTORAL DEGREE?



- A IT'S NOT IN THIS DOCUMENT BUT IN OTHER
- 2 DOCUMENTS.
- 3 Q OKAY. SO WHEN COUNSEL TOOK YOU, THEN, TO THE
- 4 APRIL 30TH LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN DORNAN, WHERE THE CONCERN
- 5 RAISED IS YOUR SELF-PROMOTION AS A PH.D. AS A RESULT OF THE
- 6 OVERWHELMING TELEPHONE CALLS AND LETTERS, THIS LETTER FROM MY
- 7 CLIENT DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT A PH.D., DID IT?
- 8 A WELL, I THINK THAT THE CONGRESSMAN LETTER,
- 9 RIGHT, MENTION -- RAISE THE ISSUE OF PH.D. I MEAN, THAT THERE
- 10 WAS CONFUSION BETWEEN PH.D. AND DOCTOR, MAYBE HE UNDERSTOOD
- 11 PH.D. AS DOCTOR OR DOCTOR AS PH.D. I DON'T KNOW.
- 12 Q MAYBE HE DID, BUT THAT CONCERN DIDN'T COME FROM
- 13 MY CLIENT IN EXHIBIT NUMBERS 18, DID IT? WHATEVER CONCERN HE
- 14 HAD ABOUT PH.D. OR NOT, IT DIDN'T COME FROM DR. THANG, DID IT?
- THE COURT: IN EXHIBIT 18?
- MR. VOSS: IN EXHIBIT 18.
- 17 AND I'M GOING TO TAKE HIM TO THE NEXT ONE.
- 18 THE WITNESS: I HAVE THE COPY OF THE LETTER, THE
- 19 EXHIBIT NUMBER 18. SO WHAT EXACTLY IS THE QUESTION?
- 20 BY MR. VOSS:
- 21 Q ISN'T IT CORRECT TO SAY THAT OF THESE
- 22 CONCERNS --
- 23 A IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN --
- 24 THE COURT: WAIT. ONE AT A TIME. WE CAN'T
- 25 TALK OVER ONE ANOTHER. HE'S GOING TO RESTATE A QUESTION FOR
- 26 YOU.



- 1 BY MR. VOSS:
- Q ISN'T IS IT CORRECT TO SAY THAT OF THE CONCERNS
- 3 RAISED BY THE CONGRESSMAN, IN PARTICULAR, NUMBER 5 REGARDING
- 4 ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS, THAT THERE WAS NO ISSUE REGARDING YOUR
- 5 ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS RAISED BY EXHIBIT NUMBER 18 FROM
- 6 B.P.S.O.S.?
- 7 A I THINK CONGRESSMAN DID NOT MENTION ANYTHING
- 8 ABOUT ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS IN THE EXHIBIT 18. HE DIDN'T
- 9 MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT THAT.
- 10 Q SO IF B.P.S.O.S., YOU AGREE, DID NOT RAISE
- 11 ANYTHING ABOUT ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS IN THE MARCH 10, 1996
- 12 LETTER, WOULD YOU ALSO AGREE THAT THIS LETTER COULD NOT BE THE
- 13 PROMPTING FOR THE CONGRESSMAN TO INVESTIGATE ACADEMIC
- 14 CREDENTIALS IN NUMBER 5?
- 15 A I HAVE NO IDEA.
- 16 Q YOU ALSO SAID, AT ONE POINT IN YOUR TESTIMONY A
- 17 FEW MINUTES AGO, IF I HEARD YOU CORRECTLY, THAT YOU WERE ASKED
- 18 TO PROVIDE AND DID PROVIDE DOCUMENTS.
- 19 WHO ASKED YOU TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTS?
- 20 A THE LETTER OF THE CONGRESSMAN DORNAN ASKED ME
- 21 TO PROVIDE SOME DOCUMENTS.
- Q WHICH DOCUMENTS?
- 23 A I CAN'T REMEMBER EXACTLY WHAT KIND OF
- 24 DOCUMENT --
- Q THESE --
- 26 A -- SPECIFICALLY.



- 1 Q -- LETTERS WEREN'T ADDRESSED TO YOU, WERE THEY?
- 2 A SOME DOCUMENT, YES, AND I DID PROVIDE THOSE
- 3 DOCUMENT THAT HE ASK.
- 4 Q AND HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO PRODUCE TO US ANY
- 5 DOCUMENTS YOU PRODUCED TO THE CONGRESSMAN IN RESPONSE?
- A I THINK THAT YOU CAN GET IT FROM CONGRESSMAN
- 7 DORNAN.
- 8 Q YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO COME UP WITH ANY
- 9 DOCUMENTS AT ALL SUPPORTING THIS CONTENTION; RIGHT?
- 10 A THE CONGRESSMAN ASK ME, AND THEN I DID PROVIDE
- 11 THEM. THAT'S IT.
- 12 Q WELL, AS TO THESE LETTERS, YOU WERE EVEN JUST
- 13 TESTIFYING NOW THAT YOU WEREN'T SURE IF YOU READ THE LETTERS
- 14 AT THE TIME.
- 15 SO IF YOU HADN'T EVEN READ THE LETTER AT THE
- 16 TIME, YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T GET THE APRIL 30, 1996 LETTER, HOW
- 17 COULD YOU HAVE RESPONDED TO SOMETHING YOU DIDN'T GET?
- 18 A I READ THE LETTER. OKAY. AND THEN SO I TOLD
- 19 MY STAFF THAT: OKAY. JUST SEND THEM THESE DOCUMENTS.
- 20 Q SO WHEN YOU EARLIER SAID THAT YOU DIDN'T GET
- 21 THE LETTER, ARE YOU NOW SAYING YOU DID?
- 22 MR. HART: OBJECTION. VAGUE AND AMBIGUOUS.
- THE COURT: WAIT, PLEASE.
- 24 SUSTAINED.
- 25 WHY DON'T WE GO AHEAD -- IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR
- 26 OUR BREAK ANYWAY. WHY DON'T WE GO AHEAD AND TAKE OUR



- 1 15-MINUTE BREAK. BE BACK AT TEN AFTER. THEN WE'LL PICK UP
- 2 FOR THE LAST SESSION OF THE DAY.
- 3 (JURY EXCUSED FOR LUNCH.)
- 4 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD IN OPEN COURT OUTSIDE THE
- 5 PRESENCE OF THE JURY:)
- 6 THE COURT: ANYTHING WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT WITH THESE
- 7 OTHER LETTERS OR ANYTHING?
- MR. HART: NO, NOT FROM ME.
- 9 THE COURT: HAVE YOU READ THIS WHOLE LETTER?
- 10 MR. HART: NO. AND I DON'T INTEND TO HAVE HIM READ
- 11 THE WHOLE LETTER. THERE'S PLENTY OF STUFF IN THERE.
- 12 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. VERY GOOD. THEN WE WILL
- 13 CONTINUE ON AT TEN AFTER, AND WE WILL GO FROM THERE.
- 14 (AFTERNOON RECESS.)
- 15 (THE FOLLING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD OUTSIDE THE PRESENCE OF THE
- 16 JURY:)
- 17 THE COURT: WE ARE BACK HERE ON KHOA V. THANG OUTSIDE
- 18 THE PRESENCE OF THE JURY. WHERE ARE WE LOOKING, DO WE THINK,
- 19 TIMING-WISE HERE?
- 20 MR. VOSS: I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS LEFT OF THIS
- 21 WITNESS. AND THEN I HAVE SOME QUESTIONING TO DO WITH
- 22 DR. THANG ON CASE-IN-CHIEF. BUT WE ARE NOT -- AS YOU HEARD
- 23 EARLIER, WE ARE NOT CALLING ANYBODY ELSE ON CASE-IN-CHIEF.
- 24 THIS IS DISPOSING OF EVERYTHING WITH THIS WITNESS, CALLING
- 25 HIM, AND THEN I'M DONE.
- 26 THE COURT: PLAINTIFF WILL REST AFTER WE'RE DONE WITH



- 1 HIS TESTIMONY?
- 2 MR. HART: SUBJECT TO ANY POTENTIAL REBUTTAL BASED
- 3 ON --
- THE COURT: NO. REST CASE-IN-CHIEF?
- 5 MR. HART: YES, JUDGE.
- 6 THE COURT: JUST TRYING TO GET TIME-WISE.
- 7 WE'LL DEFINITELY FINISH UP HERE TODAY AND AT
- 8 LEAST PUT A DENT IN DEFENDANT.
- 9 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD IN OPEN COURT IN THE
- 10 PRESENCE OF THE JURY:)
- 11 THE COURT: WE HAVE BEEN REJOINED BY ALL OF OUR
- 12 JURORS.
- MR. VOSS, YOU MAY JUMP RIGHT BACK IN.
- MR. VOSS: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.
- 15 BY MR. VOSS:
- 16 Q MR. KHOA, WITH RESPECT TO THE VIDEO, YOU WERE
- 17 ASKED ABOUT WHETHER YOUR WORK, AND I USE THAT PHRASE QUOTING
- 18 IT, IS MENTIONED IN THE VIDEO.
- 19 ISN'T IT TRUE THAT THERE IS NO REFERENCE TO
- 20 DR. KHOA -- EXCUSE ME, MR. KHOA, DR. KHOA, S.E.A.R.A.C. OR
- 21 I.R.A.C. IN THE VIDEO, NO MENTION AT ALL?
- 22 A NO MENTION AT ALL.
- 23 Q OKAY. AND YOU THINK THAT CONGRESSMAN SMITH IS
- 24 WRONG IN WHAT HE SAYS; RIGHT?
- A HE'S WRONG.
- 26 Q BUT THERE'S NOTHING IN THE VIDEO THAT MY



- 1 CLIENTS SAY ANYTHING AT ALL? THAT'S RIGHT; RIGHT?
- 2 A NO.
- 3 (REPORTER ASKS FOR CLARIFICATION.)
- 4 THE COURT: COULD YOU REPEAT YOUR ANSWER, PLEASE,
- 5 SIR.
- 6 THE WITNESS: NO.
- 7 BY MR. VOSS:
- 8 Q SO YOUR WORK ISN'T SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO,
- 9 AND MY CLIENTS SAY NOTHING ON THE VIDEO, JUST SO WE'RE CLEAR;
- 10 ISN'T THAT CORRECT?
- 11 A I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS QUESTION.
- 12 Q ALL RIGHT. THIS VIDEO THAT YOU SAW --
- A SO YOU'RE CLEAR. CLEAR WHAT?
- 14 THE COURT: MR. KHOA, HE'S GOING TO RESTATE IT. YOU
- 15 SAID YOU DIDN'T UNDERSTAND, SO HE'S GOING TO TRY AND REPHRASE
- 16 IT FOR YOU.
- 17 BY MR. VOSS:
- 18 Q THERE'S NOTHING IN THAT VIDEO THAT MY CLIENTS
- 19 DID, IS THERE?
- A NO, NOTHING.
- 21 Q THEN YOU WERE ASKED SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT
- 22 COMPETING APPLICANTS THAT THE CONGRESSMAN REFERRED TO IN
- 23 EXHIBIT 234.
- 24 AGAIN, DID MY CLIENT SAY ANYTHING ABOUT
- 25 COMPETING APPLICANTS AS PART OF THE STATEMENT THAT YOU CLAIM
- 26 TO BE DEFAMATORY?



- 1 A I DON'T SEE ANYTHING ABOUT COMPETITION SAID BY
- 2 CONGRESSMAN DORNAN OR DR. THANG.
- 3 Q WELL, CONGRESSMAN DORNAN MENTIONED IT, BUT MY
- 4 CLIENTS DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT COMPETING APPLICANTS; DID
- 5 THEY?
- 6 A DEFAMATORY STATEMENT IS NOT ABOUT COMPETING --
- 7 Q OKAY.
- 8 A -- BUT ABOUT --
- 9 Q AND YOU WOULD HAVE NO WAY TO KNOW IF SOMEBODY
- 10 WAS COMPETING WITH YOU ANYWAY; WOULD YOU?
- 11 STRIKE THAT?
- 12 YOUR ATTORNEY REFERRED TO IT AS A BLIND
- 13 PROCESS. YOU DON'T KNOW IF SOMEONE ELSE IS APPLYING; DO YOU?
- 14 A WE KNOW ABOUT US. WE APPLY FOR THE GRANT. AND
- 15 WE -- YEAH, AND WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE, OTHER PEOPLE.
- 16 Q OKAY. BUT BECAUSE IT'S A BLIND PROCESS --
- 17 THE COURT: WAIT.
- 18 MR. HART: HOLD ON. I NEED TO HEAR THAT ANSWER BACK,
- 19 PLEASE.
- 20 THE COURT: WELL, MADAM COURT REPORTER, CAN YOU READ
- 21 BACK THE LAST RESPONSE, PLEASE.
- 22 (RECORD READ.)
- MR. HART: THANK YOU.
- 24 BY MR. VOSS:
- 25 Q HOW DO YOU KNOW THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE IF IT'S
- 26 A BLIND PROCESS?



- 1 A I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHICH AGENCY OR THE NAME
- 2 OF THE AGENCY, BUT I KNOW THAT THERE ARE AGENCIES WHO APPLY
- 3 FOR THESE, TOO, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHICH ONE.
- 4 Q HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT? ARE YOU JUST GUESSING?
- 5 A IT'S NOT A KIND OF COMPETITION, BECAUSE EACH
- 6 PLAN HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN.
- 7 Q YOU DON'T SEE THE APPLICATIONS OF ANYBODY ELSE,
- 8 DO YOU, IN THE PROCESS?
- 9 A NO, I DON'T SEE ANY APPLICATION, ANY OTHER
- 10 APPLICATION.
- 11 Q SO ARE YOU JUST GUESSING AGAIN WHEN YOU SAY
- 12 THAT?
- MR. HART: OBJECTION.
- 14 THE WITNESS: REGARDING THIS --
- THE COURT: WAIT, MR. KHOA. YOUR ATTORNEY HAS AN
- 16 OBJECTION.
- MR. HART: FORM OF THE QUESTION.
- THE COURT: REPHRASE THAT ONE.
- 19 MR. VOSS: LET ME JUST WITHDRAW THE QUESTION.
- 20 BY MR. VOSS:
- 21 Q MR. KHOA --
- A OKAY.
- 23 Q THERE'S NO QUESTION PENDING. I WITHDREW THE
- 24 QUESTION.
- 25 WITH RESPECT TO THE ACCURACY OF THE GRANT
- 26 APPLICATIONS, YOU WERE ASKED WHETHER YOU DID EVERYTHING IN



- 1 YOUR POWER TO MAKE SURE THERE WERE NO MISTAKES; RIGHT?
- 2 A SURE.
- 3 Q WAS IT WITHIN --
- 4 A I WANT TO MAKE SURE WHAT I DID IS RIGHT AND
- 5 ACCURATE.
- 6 Q WAS IT WITHIN YOUR POWER TO HAVE, ON YOUR
- 7 RESUME, MADE SOME NOTATION TO INDICATE THAT YOUR DOCTORAL
- 8 DEGREE WAS NOT COMPLETE?
- 9 A THERE'S NO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE APPLICATION
- 10 AND MY DEGREE. IT'S NOT REQUIRED. AND I AM NOT SUPPOSED
- 11 TO --
- 12 Q ISN'T IS IT REQUIRED THAT YOU BE ACCURATE?
- A YES.
- 14 Q ISN'T THIS THE CRUX OF THE ISSUE; THAT YOU PUT
- 15 DOWN DOCTORAL THESIS 1960, A SPECIFIC DATE, AND YOU DIDN'T
- 16 HAVE A DOCTORAL THESIS AT THAT POINT; RIGHT?
- 17 A YES, THAT'S THE DATE THAT I -- THAT MY -- I WAS
- 18 WORKING ON THE -- ON THE THESIS.
- 19 Q IT'S THE DATE YOU STARTED; RIGHT?
- 20 A I WAS WORKING ON THAT.
- 21 Q IT'S THE DATE YOU STARTED; RIGHT?
- A YES.
- 23 Q AND IT'S NOW 1996, GIVE OR TAKE. 36 YEARS HAVE
- 24 GONE BY. AND SO YOU THINK THAT IT'S ACCURATE AND NOT A
- 25 MISCHARACTERIZATION THAT, WHAT, YOU'RE STILL WORKING ON IT
- 26 36 YEARS LATER? IS THAT RIGHT?



- 1 A WHY -- WHY YOU CALL IT A MISCHARACTERIZATION IF
- 2 I SAID THAT IN 1960 I WAS WORKING ON THAT?
- 3 Q IN 1996, YOU WERE NO LONGER WORKING TO COMPLETE
- 4 ANY DEGREE AT THE SORBONNE IN FRANCE; ISN'T THAT CORRECT?
- 5 A IN 1996? I COMMIT TO DO THAT -- IF -- WHY?
- 6 BECAUSE IN 1990 -- LET'S SEE, YEAH, IN 1995, I HAVE BEEN
- 7 PROMOTED TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR IN VIETNAM ALREADY. I DON'T
- 8 NEED TO --
- 9 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. MOVE TO STRIKE AS
- 10 NONRESPONSIVE.
- MR. HART: I OBJECT TO THAT.
- 12 THE COURT: WAIT. EVERYBODY JUST STAND DOWN FOR A
- 13 MOMENT.
- 14 DENIED.
- 15 YOU MAY FINISH YOUR ANSWER, SIR.
- 16 BY MR. VOSS:
- 17 Q DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING MORE YOU'D LIKE TO SAY?
- 18 A (NO AUDIBLE RESPONSE.)
- 19 Q MR. VOSS: MAY I PROCEED?
- 20 A LET ME CLEAR UP ABOUT THE DATE. 1960, I WAS
- 21 WORKING ON THAT. AND I RETURN TO VIETNAM IN 1961, AND I WAS
- 22 APPOINTED TO TEACH AT THE FACULTY AS LECTURER. AND THEN A FEW
- 23 YEARS LATER, I WAS PROMOTED TO ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR.
- 24 AND, THEN, EVEN AT THAT TIME, I WAS ALMOST
- 25 DONE, ALMOST FINISHED MY THESIS IN VIETNAM, BECAUSE OF THE
- 26 WORK BETWEEN RESEARCH OF MATERIAL, VERY OLD MATERIALS, THAT'S



- 1 DIFFICULT. AND THEN IT TAKES SOME MORE TIME TO DO TRANSLATION
- 2 INTO FRENCH. SO THAT'S WHY IT TAKES A FEW YEARS.
- 3 AND THEN A DIPLOMATIC INCIDENT BETWEEN VIETNAM
- 4 AND FRANCE, THAT INCIDENT, THE TERO(PHONETIC), AND AT THAT
- 5 TIME, I DON'T NEED TO GO TO FRANCE ANYMORE FOR TWO REASONS.
- NUMBER ONE, I HAVE BEEN PROMOTED TO ASSOCIATE
- 7 PROFESSOR, FROM LECTURER TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR.
- AND THEN, NUMBER TWO, YEAH, EVEN IF I GO TO
- 9 FRANCE TO SUBMIT MY THESIS AND I COME BACK, I WILL START WITH
- 10 ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR. SO THEY DON'T NEED IT.
- 11 NUMBER THREE IS THAT I -- AT THAT TIME, I
- 12 PLAN -- I ALREADY HAD MY PLAN TO AMERICANIZE THE EDUCATION,
- 13 THE UNIVERSITY EDUCATION SYSTEM IN VIETNAMESE.
- 14 THE COURT: MR. KHOA, MR. KHOA, WE'RE GETTING FAR
- 15 AFIELD OF THE CALL OF THE OUESTION ON THAT ONE AT THIS POINT
- 16 IN TIME.
- 17 BY MR. VOSS:
- 18 Q IN 1975, WHEN YOU LEFT SAIGON, WHATEVER THE
- 19 STATUS WAS OF YOUR THESIS, IT WAS TRAGICALLY LOST; RIGHT?
- 20 A YEAH, IT'S ALMOST FINISHED.
- 21 Q BUT IT WAS GONE AND NOTHING FURTHER WAS EVER
- 22 SUBMITTED TO THE SORBONNE; ISN'T THAT CORRECT?
- 23 A (NO AUDIBLE RESPONSE.)
- Q I AM CORRECT; RIGHT?
- 25 A IT'S WRITTEN BY HAND. YOU KNOW, THERE WAS NO
- 26 COMPUTER AT THAT TIME.



- 1 Q SO ONCE IT WAS LOST, NOTHING WAS EVER SUBMITTED
- 2 TO COMPLETE YOUR THESIS WITH THE SORBONNE; YOU AGREE?
- 3 A I DON'T NEED TO ANYMORE. AS I SAID, I WAS
- 4 ALREADY PROMOTED --
- 5 THE COURT: MR. KHOA, MR. KHOA, THAT'S NOT THE
- 6 OUESTION.
- 7 BY MR. VOSS:
- 8 Q NOTHING FURTHER FROM 19 -- WELL, CERTAINLY
- 9 AFTER 1975, WHEN YOUR HANDWRITTEN NOTES WERE LOST, AT NO TIME
- 10 AFTER THAT DATE DID YOU EVER SUBMIT A SINGLE PAGE TO THE
- 11 SORBONNE TO SUPPORT THE COMPLETION OF YOUR DOCTORAL DEGREE,
- 12 DID YOU?
- 13 A NO, I SENT NOTHING TO SORBONNE ANYMORE.
- 14 MR. VOSS: NOTHING FURTHER, YOUR HONOR.
- 15 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. MAY THE WITNESS STEP DOWN?
- 16 MR. HART: SORRY, JUDGE. I'M LOOKING TO SEE IF THERE
- 17 IS ONE MORE PLACE TO BEAT THIS DEAD HORSE. I THINK MAYBE NOT.
- 18 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. THEN CAN WE HAVE SOME
- 19 ASSISTANCE FOR HIM TO STEP DOWN?
- 20 WE'LL GIVE YOU A MOMENT, SIR. THANK YOU VERY
- 21 MUCH, MR. KHOA.
- 22 ALL RIGHT. THEN I'LL TURN TO MR. HART. DO WE
- 23 HAVE ANYTHING FURTHER FROM PLAINTIFF?
- MR. HART: NO, YOUR HONOR. PLAINTIFF RESTS.
- THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
- THEN THAT TURNS US TO DEFENDANT.



- 1 MR. VOSS: YES, YOUR HONOR. DEFENSE CALLS DR. NGUYEN
- 2 DINH THANG.
- 3 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
- 4 COME AROUND AT THE END OF THE TABLE. WE'LL
- 5 SWEAR YOU IN AGAIN, MR. THANG. IT'S BEEN A FEW DAYS NOW.
- 6 MR. VOSS: IT'S DR. THANG.
- 7 NGUYEN DINH THANG,
- 8 CALLED AS A WITNESS ON BEHALF OF THE DEFENDANTS, AND HAVING
- 9 BEEN FIRST DULY SWORN, WAS EXAMINED AND TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:
- 10 THE WITNESS: I DO.
- 11 THE CLERK: PLEASE STATE AND SPELL YOUR FIRST AND
- 12 LAST NAME FOR THE RECORD.
- THE WITNESS: THANG, T-H-A-N-G, DINH, D-I-N-H,
- 14 NGUYEN, N-G-U-Y-E-N.
- THE CLERK: THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED.
- 16 THE COURT: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DOCTOR. WE'LL GIVE
- 17 YOU A MOMENT TO SETTLE IN THERE. THERE IS STILL A NOTEPAD UP
- 18 HERE.
- 19 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 20 BY MR. VOSS:
- 21 Q DR. THANG, CAN YOU TELL US WHAT YOUR HIGHEST
- 22 LEVEL OF EDUCATION IS.
- 23 A YES. I GOT A PH.D. IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
- 24 FROM VIRGINIA TECH IN 1986.
- Q WHEN DID YOU OBTAIN THAT DEGREE?
- 26 A IN 1986.



- 1 Q AND WHAT IS THE EXACT TITLE ASSOCIATED WITH
- 2 THAT DEGREE?
- 3 A CAN YOU REPEAT THAT?
- 4 Q WHAT TITLE IS ASSOCIATED WITH YOUR HIGHEST
- 5 DEGREE?
- A OH, IT'S A PH.D. IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING.
- 7 Q AND WHERE DID YOU OBTAIN THIS DEGREE?
- 8 A FROM VIRGINIA TECH.
- 9 Q AS PART OF GETTING YOUR PH.D., WHAT WERE THE
- 10 REQUIREMENTS?
- 11 A THE REQUIREMENT IS TO COMPLETE THE COURSE WORK,
- 12 THE REQUIRED COURSE WORK, AND SELECT A TOPIC TO DO RESEARCH
- 13 ON.
- 14 AND AT THE COMPLETION OF THE RESEARCH, I WOULD
- 15 NEED TO WRITE A THESIS, AND THEN DEFEND IT BEFORE A PANEL OF
- 16 PROFESSORS.
- 17 Q SO IN ADDITION TO JUST WRITING A THESIS, WHAT
- 18 WAS INVOLVED IN DEFENDING IT?
- 19 A "DEFENDING IT" MEANS BEING IN FRONT OF THREE
- 20 PROFESSORS, ANSWERING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TECHNIQUE, THE
- 21 METHODOLOGY. THEY HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS, AND I HAD TO
- 22 ANSWER ALL THOSE QUESTIONS SATISFACTORILY.
- 23 Q WHEN YOU SAY "SATISFACTORILY," DID THEY TAKE A
- 24 VOTE OR HOW DO THEY --
- 25 A OH, YES. OH, YES. SO THERE ARE THREE OF THEM,
- 26 SO TWO OF THEM MUST VOTE FOR THE MAJORITY FOR ME TO BE



- 1 RECOGNIZED AS A PH.D.
- 2 Q ALL RIGHT. CAN YOU TELL US -- IN ADDITION TO
- 3 YOURSELF AS AN INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT HERE TODAY, THERE IS ALSO
- 4 A DEFENDANT CALLED BOAT PEOPLE S.O.S., INC.
- 5 WHAT IS BOAT PEOPLE S.O.S., INC.?
- A BOAT PEOPLE S.O.S. WAS FOUNDED IN 1980 BY
- 7 PROFESSORS AT UC SAN DIEGO. AND AT THE SAME TIME, THERE'S A
- 8 SPLIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS; HALF OF THEM ARE PROFESSORS,
- 9 ACADEMICS, IN SAN DIEGO, AND THE OTHER HALF ARE -- WERE BOAT
- 10 PEOPLE WHO WERE VICTIMS OF PIRATES' ATTACK IN CAMPS IN
- 11 THAILAND. SO THE TWO GROUPS CAME TOGETHER TO FORM BOAT PEOPLE
- 12 S.O.S.
- 13 Q AND WHERE DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED, PHYSICALLY?
- 14 A I WAS A BOAT PERSON MYSELF, ESCAPING FROM
- 15 VIETNAM WITH MY PARENTS AND MY TWO YOUNGER SIBLINGS IN 1978.
- 16 SO AFTER I GOT MY PH.D., I JOINED THE NAVY AS A CIVILIAN
- 17 EMPLOYEE WORKING AS A RESEARCH ENGINEER.
- 18 AND IN 1988, WHEN THERE WAS CRISIS OF THE BOAT
- 19 PEOPLE, THEY WERE PUSHED BACK TO SEA BY COUNTRIES IN THE
- 20 REGION, THAT'S WHERE I VOLUNTEER MYSELF. I HAD TO DO
- 21 SOMETHING FOR THOSE WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE.
- 22 Q AND DID THEIR COME A POINT IN TIME THAT YOU
- 23 BECAME FULL-TIME WITH THE BOAT PEOPLE?
- 24 A YEAH. IN 2001, I RESIGNED FROM MY ENGINEERING
- 25 CAREER AND WORK FULL-TIME FOR BOAT PEOPLE S.O.S.
- 26 Q SINCE BECOMING FULL-TIME WITH, I'LL CALL IT,



- 1 B.P.S.O.S., WHAT POSITIONS HAVE YOU HELD?
- 2 A IN 1991, I WAS ALREADY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BUT
- 3 TOTALLY ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS. I STILL WORK AT THE RESEARCH
- 4 LAB FOR THE NAVY.
- 5 IN 2001, I USE SOME OF MY PERSONAL SAVINGS TO
- 6 PAY FOR MYSELF AND ONE HALF-TIME STAFF TO WORK STILL AS AN
- 7 ACTIVE DIRECTOR BUT STAFF PAYING.
- 8 Q SO IS IT CORRECT TO SAY THAT, AT THAT TIME,
- 9 B.P.S.O.S. DID NOT HAVE ANY GRANT MONEY?
- 10 A NO, NOT UNTIL MUCH LATER.
- 11 Q AND HAS YOUR JOB TITLE CHANGED OVER TIME?
- 12 A YES. YEARS LATER WE ESTABLISHED BRANCHES IN
- 13 DIFFERENT CITIES WHERE THERE'S A LOT OF REFUGEES AND
- 14 IMMIGRANTS, COMING TO SERVE THEIR NEEDS. SO EACH BRANCH, BY
- 15 THAT TIME, HAD AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. THAT'S WHY I WAS
- 16 PROMOTED TO CEO.
- 17 Q SINCE BECOMING FULL-TIME WITH B.P.S.O.S., HAVE
- 18 YOU HAD ANY OTHER EMPLOYMENT?
- 19 A NO.
- 20 Q IS YOUR CREDIBILITY IMPORTANT IN THE WORK YOU
- 21 DO WITH B.P.S.O.S.?
- 22 A VERY MUCH, BECAUSE 90 PERCENT OF OUR BUDGET FOR
- 23 INTERNATIONAL CORPORATIONS CAME FROM DONATIONS, SMALL
- 24 DONATIONS, FROM A LOT OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. MANY OF
- 25 THEM WERE OUR FORMER CLIENTS THAT WE HELP, FORMER BOAT PEOPLE,
- 26 FORMER REFUGEES.



- 1 Q WHEN YOU SAY 90 PERCENT WAS FROM SMALL
- 2 DONATIONS FROM "THE COMMUNITY," WAS THAT FOR -- THE VAST
- 3 MAJORITY OF IT FROM THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY --
- 4 A CORRECT.
- 5 Q -- IN THE U.S.?
- A YES, CORRECT. IN THE U.S. -- IN THE DIASPORA
- 7 IN THE U.S.
- 8 Q WHAT IS A "DIASPORA"?
- 9 A MEANING, THOSE WERE NO LONGER IN VIETNAM.
- 10 Q SO VIETNAMESE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN DISPLACED OR
- 11 ARE NOW LIVING SOMEWHERE ELSE IS THE VIETNAMESE DIASPORA?
- 12 A THAT'S RIGHT, IN THE U.S.
- 13 MAY I PAUSE AND HAVE SOME WATER, PLEASE?
- Q YES, PLEASE.
- 15 A THANK YOU.
- 16 Q LOOKING AT THE STATEMENT WRITTEN ON THE BOARD
- 17 THERE, IS IT CORRECT TO SAY THAT ONLY THE LAST FIVE WORDS ARE
- 18 YOURS?
- 19 A THAT'S CORRECT.
- 20 Q WHERE DID THE FIRST PART OF THE STATEMENT COME
- 21 FROM?
- 22 A THE FIRST PART OF THE STATEMENT CAME PRIMARILY
- 23 FROM DORNAN'S LETTER DATED APRIL 30, 1996, AND ALSO WITH THE
- 24 BACKGROUND OF HIS LETTER DATED APRIL 2ND, 1996.
- 25 Q AND WERE YOU LOOKING AT THOSE LETTERS WHEN YOU
- 26 DRAFTED YOUR ARTICLE IN 2020?



- 1 A YES. AFTER RECEIVING -- READING THE ARTICLE BY
- 2 MR. KHOA, I WENT TO OFFICE, LOOK UP INTO OUR ARCHIVES, PULLED
- 3 OUT A BIG BOX, AND I READ MANY ARTICLES. I LAID THEM OUT AND
- 4 START WRITING MY RESPONSE.
- 5 Q WITH RESPECT TO THE ARTICLE BY MR. KHOA TO
- 6 WHICH YOU RESPONDED, WAS YOUR MOTIVATION -- TELL US YOUR
- 7 MOTIVATION FOR AUTHORING THAT ARTICLE.
- 8 A WELL --
- 9 MR. HART: OBJECTION. IT'S UNCLEAR WHICH ARTICLE
- 10 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.
- 11 MR. VOSS: HIS ARTICLE RESPONDING TO --
- 12 THE COURT: WHY DON'T YOU JUST -- GIVEN THE RECORD,
- 13 WHY DON'T YOU RESTATE THE QUESTION SO THAT THERE'S NO --
- 14 BY MR. VOSS:
- 15 O IN THIS ARTICLE THAT YOU JUST SAID WAS
- 16 RESPONDING TO MR. KHOA'S SECOND ARTICLE IN 2020, WHAT
- 17 MOTIVATED YOU TO WRITE THAT ARTICLE?
- 18 A WELL, IN THAT ARTICLE, MR. KHOA ACCUSED ME AND
- 19 B.P.S.O.S. OF OPPOSING A LEGISLATION INTRODUCED BY CONGRESSMAN
- 20 SMITH THAT WOULD BLOCK THE FORCED REPATRIATION OF THE BOAT
- 21 PEOPLE --
- 22 (REPORTER ASKS FOR CLARIFICATION.)
- 23 THE WITNESS: -- OF THE BOAT PEOPLE, TENS OF
- 24 THOUSANDS OF THEM IN CAMPS IN HONG KONG AND IN SOUTHEAST ASIA,
- 25 INCLUDING MALAYSIA, THAILAND, THE PHILIPPINES, INDONESIA, AND
- 26 SO ON AND SO FORTH.



- AND HE ACCUSED ME AND B.P.S.O.S. OF DECEIVING
- 2 CONGRESSMAN SMITH; THAT WE SUPPORTED IT. BUT ACTUALLY HE ---
- 3 IN HIS WRITING, THAT WE OPPOSE IT. BUT THEN WE PRESENTED TO
- 4 CONGRESSMAN SMITH THAT WE SUPPORTED IT, AND, THEREFORE,
- 5 CONGRESSMAN SMITH PRAISE US INCORRECTLY, WRONGLY.
- AND THEN HE USED THE WORD THAT MR. THANG ABUSED
- 7 OR TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE REPUTATION OF CONGRESSMAN SMITH TO
- 8 FURTHER ADVANCE MY OWN PRESTIGE AND ALSO TO COLLECT MONEY FOR
- 9 BOAT PEOPLE S.O.S. AND THAT WAS TOTALLY THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT
- 10 HAD HAPPENED.
- 11 BY MR. VOSS:
- 12 Q DID HE ADDITIONALLY REFER TO YOU AS ACTING
- 13 DEVIOUSLY?
- 14 A YES, DEVIOUSLY DECEIVING CONGRESSMAN SMITH, WHO
- 15 WAS A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE, AND HE INTRODUCED THE LEGISLATION
- 16 AT MY REQUEST.
- 17 Q SO IS IT FAIR TO SAY THAT ALL YOU WERE TRYING
- 18 TO DO IN THE ARTICLE WAS TO PROTECT YOUR REPUTATION AND SET
- 19 THE RECORD STRAIGHT?
- 20 A THAT'S CORRECT. BUT NOT ONLY THAT. IF I
- 21 DIDN'T RESPOND SOON, THAT WOULD JEOPARDIZE OUR CAPACITY TO
- 22 FUND RAISE IN COMMUNITY.
- Q AND WHY WAS THAT?
- 24 A BECAUSE MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE RECEIVED OUR
- 25 SERVICE, WHO BENEFITTED FROM OUR SERVICE, OUR GOOD WORK, NOW
- 26 THEY START QUESTIONING: DR. THANG, YOU LIE TO US ALL ALONG.



- 1 YOU LIE TO US THAT YOU HELP RESCUE THESE PEOPLE FROM BEING
- 2 FORCED BACK TO VIETNAM AGAINST THEIR WILL. YOU LIE TO US THAT
- 3 BECAUSE OF THE LEGISLATION OF CONGRESSMAN SMITH THAT YOU
- 4 PROMOTED, THAT THESE PEOPLE HAVE TO RETURN TO VIETNAM WHEN,
- 5 NOW, WE INTERVIEWED BY U.S. IMMIGRATION OFFICERS AND RESETTLED
- 6 BY THE GOVERNMENT OF U.S. TO THIS COUNTRY. YOU HAVE LIED TO
- 7 US.
- 8 Q SO YOU NEEDED TO CORRECT YOUR REPUTATION; IS
- 9 THAT RIGHT?
- 10 A THAT'S CORRECT.
- 11 Q OKAY. AND YOUR NEED TO DO THAT, IF I
- 12 UNDERSTAND THE SEQUENCE CORRECTLY, IN 2020, THERE'S THE VIDEO
- 13 THAT CONGRESSMAN SMITH PUTS OUT THAT PRAISES YOUR WORK; ISN'T
- 14 THAT RIGHT?
- 15 A THAT'S CORRECT.
- 16 Q OKAY. AND THEN AFTER THAT VIDEO COMES OUT,
- 17 WE'VE HEARD MR. KHOA, THAT HE THINKS CONGRESSMAN SMITH IS
- 18 WRONG, SO HE WROTE TWO ARTICLES; RIGHT?
- 19 A (NO AUDIBLE RESPONSE.)
- 20 Q WERE THOSE ARTICLES READ, TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE,
- 21 THROUGHOUT -- WIDELY THROUGH THE VIETNAMESE DIASPORA?
- 22 A YES. HE GOT THEM PUBLISHED BY MAJOR NEWS
- 23 OUTLETS, INCLUDING VOICE OF AMERICA, WHICH IS THE OFFICIAL
- 24 ORGAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, SO IT HAD SOME APPEARANCE OF
- 25 BEING OFFICIAL.
- 26 Q SO BECAUSE OF HIS STATUS IN THE VIETNAMESE



- 1 COMMUNITY, LOTS OF PEOPLE HEARD WHAT HE HAD TO SAY?
- 2 A DEFINITELY. AND NEWS OUTLET, MAJOR NEWS
- 3 OUTLETS CARRIED HIS ARTICLES.
- 4 Q SO THEN WE COME BACK TO THE STATEMENT AT ISSUE.
- 5 THE FIRST PART IS BASED PRIMARILY ON THE
- 6 CONGRESSMAN, YOU SAID.
- 7 THE SECOND PART, "THAT WAS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE,"
- 8 HAVE YOU HAD ANY INVOLVEMENT YOURSELF IN THE APPLICATION
- 9 PROCESS FOR FEDERAL GRANTS?
- 10 A YES, SINCE 2005.
- 11 Q AND CAN YOU TELL ME -- STRIKE THAT.
- 12 ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE PROCESS AND
- 13 REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH APPLYING FOR A GRANT FROM THE
- 14 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT?
- 15 A YES, VERY MUCH, BECAUSE SINCE '05, I HAVE
- 16 WRITTEN OR REVIEWED PROBABLY ABOUT A HUNDRED GRANT PROPOSALS
- 17 TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.
- 18 Q BASED ON YOUR EXPERIENCE, IS THE ACCURACY OF
- 19 THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATIONS AN
- 20 IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF THOSE APPLICATIONS?
- 21 A ABSOLUTELY. BEFORE WE START WRITING THE GRANT
- 22 PROPOSAL, WE NEED TO READ INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE GRANTING
- 23 AGENCY. AND IN THERE, VERY CLEARLY, THEY STATE THAT YOU MUST
- 24 BE TRUTHFUL AND HONEST. ANY FALSE STATEMENT OR FALSE CLAIMS
- 25 WOULD BE IN VIOLATION OF THE FEDERAL CRIMINAL FALSE CLAIMS
- 26 ACT. AND THAT WOULD BE A CRIME, EVEN IF YOU DON'T GET THE



- 1 FUNDING. BY JUST TELLING UNTRUTHS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN FEDERAL
- 2 FUNDS, THAT WOULD BE PROSECUTABLE CRIME UNDER THE ACT.
- 3 Q SO BASED ON YOUR EXPERIENCE, WHO, WHEN
- 4 B.P.S.O.S. SUBMITS THE GRANT APPLICATION AS THE APPLICANT, WHO
- 5 IS ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE TO ENSURE THE ACCURACY OF THE
- 6 INFORMATION CONVEYED IN THE FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATION?
- 7 A THE HEAD OF THE AGENCY, AND THAT IS THE
- 8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR THE CEO OR THE PRESIDENT.
- 9 O AND IS THAT WHY YOU ACTUALLY PUT -- AFFIX YOUR
- 10 SIGNATURE TO THE VERY FIRST PAGE OF EVERY GRANT APPLICATION?
- 11 A YES. AND IN THERE, THERE'S ALSO A STATEMENT
- 12 THAT WHEN YOU APPLY, YOU SAY THAT, YES, I HAVE READ THIS; THAT
- 13 I UNDERSTAND THE INSTRUCTIONS; I COMPLY WITH THE INSTRUCTION.
- 14 Q BASED ON YOUR EXPERIENCE IN THESE MANY FEDERAL
- 15 GRANT APPLICATIONS, ARE THE ACADEMIC OUALIFICATIONS OF THE
- 16 INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED AS KEY PERSONNEL IN THE APPLICATION
- 17 RELEVANT TO THE AWARD OF FEDERAL GRANTS?
- 18 MR. HART: OBJECTION. FOUNDATION.
- 19 THE COURT: SUSTAINED.
- 20 BY MR. VOSS:
- 21 O YOU REFERENCED THE INSTRUCTIONS. ARE YOU
- 22 REQUIRED, AS PART OF THE FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATION, TO
- 23 IDENTIFY THE KEY PERSONNEL THAT WOULD BE INVOLVED IN THE
- 24 PROJECT FOR WHICH YOU SEEK THE FEDERAL GRANT?
- A ALWAYS.
- 26 MR. HART: OBJECTION. CALLING FOR HEARSAY.



- 1 THE COURT: OVERRULED.
- THE WITNESS: YES. IN A GRANT PROPOSAL, WE NEED
- 3 ALWAYS TO HAVE AN ACTION PLAN AND VERY DETAILED
- 4 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THOSE WOULD BE INVOLVED IN THE GRANT, WHO
- 5 WILL BE CHARGING THE SALARIES AT THE TIME OF THE GRANT, AND
- 6 THAT MUST COME WITH QUALIFICATIONS OF EACH PERSON LISTED.
- 7 BY MR. VOSS:
- 8 Q OKAY. SO WAS IT YOUR UNDERSTANDING WHEN YOU
- 9 SAID THAT FALSELY -- MR. KHOA'S FALSE CLAIM THAT HE HELD A
- 10 DOCTORAL DEGREE IN THE APPLICATION, THAT WAS A CRIMINAL
- 11 OFFENSE, THAT TO DO SO, IN YOUR MIND, BASED ON YOUR
- 12 EXPERIENCE, IT WAS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE?
- 13 A IT IS, YES.
- 14 Q OKAY. LIKEWISE, YOU SAID YOU READ THE LETTERS
- 15 FROM CONGRESSMAN DORNAN THAT RAISED CONCERNS ABOUT
- 16 MISREPRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS AND THAT MR. KHOA
- 17 DOES NOT HAVE A DEGREE.
- 18 YOU WERE READING THESE WHEN YOU WROTE THOSE
- 19 WORDS; RIGHT?
- A CORRECT.
- 21 Q AND IF YOU MISREPRESENTED YOUR ACADEMIC
- 22 CREDENTIALS, IS IT YOUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THAT WOULD VIOLATE
- 23 THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT?
- 24 MR. HART: I HAVE TO OBJECT, YOUR HONOR. IT'S
- 25 LEADING. LEADING ON DIRECT.
- 26 THE COURT: IT HAS BEEN LEADING. COUNSEL, IF YOU



- 1 WANT TO REPHRASE.
- 2 BY MR. VOSS:
- 3 Q WHEN YOU WROTE THE WORDS, "THAT WAS A CRIMINAL
- 4 OFFENSE," DID YOU BASE THAT STATEMENT, IN PART, ON YOUR
- 5 READING OF THE LETTERS FROM CONGRESSMAN DORNAN?
- A YES. BECAUSE HE WROTE TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
- 7 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, NOT ANY OTHER OFFICE, BUT THE
- 8 INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, BECAUSE THAT'S THE ONLY OFFICE
- 9 MANDATED TO INVESTIGATE POTENTIAL CRIMINAL ACT IN VIOLATION OF
- 10 U.S. FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATIONS THAT GOVERN THE GRANT-MAKING
- 11 PROCESS OF THAT AGENCY.
- 12 Q AND, DR. THANG, FINALLY, WITH RESPECT TO THE
- 13 ISSUE OF WHETHER OR NOT IT WAS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE, DID YOU
- 14 HAVE OCCASION TO SPEAK WITH DR. ALBERT SANTOLI?
- 15 A YES.
- 16 Q HOW IS IT YOU CAME TO SPEAK TO DR. SANTOLI?
- 17 BRIEFLY, BECAUSE YOU ALREADY ADDRESSED THAT PREVIOUSLY.
- 18 A YES. BECAUSE I KNOW HIM, AND WE WORK CLOSELY
- 19 ON BLOCKING THE FORCEABLE REPATRIATION OF BOAT PEOPLE FROM THE
- 20 CAMPS. SO I VISITED HIS RESIDENCE QUITE OFTEN AND SOMETIMES
- 21 HIS OFFICE ON CAPITOL HILL. SO WE EXCHANGE, AND HE KEPT ME UP
- 22 TO DATE ABOUT THE ONGOING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY THE
- 23 OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN DORNAN. AND HE WAS THE LEAD PERSON
- 24 CONDUCTING THAT INVESTIGATION.
- 25 Q IS IT CORRECT TO SAY THAT WHEN YOU WERE ASKED
- 26 TO VISIT DR. SANTOLI AT CONGRESSMAN DORNAN'S OFFICE, THAT IT



- 1 WAS HE WHO INITIATED SHOWING YOU GRANT PROPOSALS FROM
- 2 I.R.A.C./S.E.A.R.A.C. WITH THE RESUME ATTACHED?
- 3 A THAT'S CORRECT. I HAD NO INTEREST IN THAT
- 4 ISSUE. I WAS WORKING FULL-TIME, TRYING TO DEFEND THESE TENS
- 5 OF THOUSANDS BOAT PEOPLE FROM BEING FORCED BACK. THAT IS AN
- 6 ISSUE THAT IS NOT REALLY -- AND I DIDN'T HAVE THE TIME,
- 7 ACTUALLY, REALLY ON MY AREA OF INTEREST.
- 8 BUT HE SHOWED THAT TO ME, THE COPIES OF THE
- 9 GRANT PROPOSAL THAT HIS OFFICE RECEIVED FROM MULTIPLE
- 10 DIFFERENT AGENCIES. HE ASKED WHETHER I WANT COPY OR NOT. I
- 11 SAID: NO, MAYBE JUST ONE COPY OF THE C.V.
- 12 Q AND --
- A AND THAT'S THE RESUMES, C.V.'S.
- 14 Q WHEN YOU WROTE THE WORDS IN 2020, "THAT WAS A
- 15 CRIMINAL OFFENSE," WAS THAT BASED ON ALL THREE OF THESE PIECES
- 16 OF INFORMATION THAT YOU HAD; YOUR EXPERIENCE WRITING GRANTS,
- 17 YOUR REVIEW OF THE CONGRESSMEN'S LETTERS, AND YOUR MEETINGS
- 18 AND REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS WITH DR. SANTOLI?
- 19 A YES. DR. SANTOLI EXPLAIN TO ME WHY HIS OFFICE
- 20 WROTE TO THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.
- 21 Q AT THE TIME THAT YOU MADE THAT STATEMENT, THAT
- 22 ISSUE, WAS THERE, IN YOUR MIND, ANY REASON TO DISBELIEVE WHAT
- 23 HAD BEEN SET FORTH BY CONGRESSMAN DORNAN IN HIS LETTERS?
- A NO, FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS.
- 25 ONE IS THAT IT'S AN ONGOING VERY THOROUGH
- 26 INVESTIGATION. IT'S NOT JUST A ONE-TIME THING. IT WENT ON



- 1 SINCE EARLY JANUARY UNTIL AT LEAST LATE APRIL 1996.
- 2 Q ALL OF THAT IN 1996?
- 3 A 1996, YES.
- 4 Q AT THE TIME YOU MADE THAT STATEMENT AT ISSUE,
- 5 WAS IT YOUR BELIEF THAT THE INFORMATION CONVEYED BY
- 6 CONGRESSMAN DORNAN IN HIS LETTERS --
- 7 MR. HART: OBJECTION. LEADING.
- 8 THE COURT: SUSTAINED.
- 9 BY MR. VOSS:
- 10 Q AT THE TIME -- AS YOU SIT HERE TODAY -- STRIKE
- 11 THAT.
- 12 WHEN YOU MADE THAT STATEMENT, THE ONE ON THE
- 13 BOARD, DID YOU BELIEVE IT TO BE A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR ANYONE
- 14 TO MAKE A MISREPRESENTATION IN A GRANT APPLICATION?
- MR. HART: OBJECTION. RELEVANCE.
- 16 THE COURT: OVERRULED.
- 17 THE WITNESS: I DID. AS I EXPLAINED, I, MYSELF,
- 18 EXPERIENCED -- HAD THE EXPERIENCE OF WRITING GRANT PROPOSALS
- 19 AND READING INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE STARTING THE GRANTING PROCESS
- 20 AND BEFORE SUBMITTING.
- 21 MR. VOSS: NOTHING FURTHER OF THIS WITNESS.
- THE COURT: MR. HART.
- 23 MR. HART: YOUR HONOR, I ASK FOR A LITTLE BIT OF
- 24 CONSIDERATION HERE SINCE I DON'T HAVE MY ASSISTANT THIS
- 25 AFTERNOON. I CAN DO A LITTLE BIT OF CROSS-EXAMINATION HERE,
- 26 BUT I NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE OVERHEAD WHEN I MOVE ON.



- 1 so...
- THE COURT: WE GOT ABOUT 15 MINUTES OR SO THAT WE CAN
- 3 USE HERE TODAY TO GET STARTED.
- 4 MR. HART: RIGHT. I'M HAPPY TO DO THAT, JUDGE. I
- 5 JUST WANT TO RESERVE THE ABILITY TO DO SOME OF THIS CROSS
- 6 WHEN...
- 7 THE COURT: GO AHEAD AND SEE WHAT WE CAN GET GOING
- 8 RIGHT NOW, AND THEN WE'LL CROSS ALL THOSE BRIDGES AS THEY
- 9 PRESENT THEMSELVES.
- 10 MR. HART: VERY GOOD. THANK YOU, JUDGE.
- 11 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 12 BY MR. HART:
- 13 Q DR. THANG, YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 10, 1996, WAS
- 14 COPIED TO CONGRESSMAN DORNAN; WASN'T IT?
- 15 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. BEYOND THE SCOPE.
- THE COURT: SUSTAINED.
- 17 BY MR. HART:
- 18 Q ISN'T THE REASON DR. SANTOLI HAD YOU COME INTO
- 19 HIS OFFICE, SO HE COULD PROVIDE YOU WITH MATERIAL TO BE USED
- 20 AGAINST S.E.A.R.A.C.?
- 21 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. CALLS FOR SPECULATION.
- 22 THE COURT: OVERRULED. IT'S TO THE EXTENT OF HIS
- 23 KNOWLEDGE.
- 24 THE WITNESS: NO. AS EXPLAINED, WE WORKED TOGETHER
- 25 ON PREVENTING THE FORCED REPATRIATION OF TENS OF THOUSANDS
- 26 BOAT PEOPLE STILL IN THE DIFFERENT CAMPS IN HONG KONG,



1 SOUTHEAST ASIA AT THE TIME, AND THAT WAS THE MAIN REASON.

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- 3 BY MR. HART
- 4 Q WASN'T THERE, IN FACT, IN THE SPRING OF 1996, A
- 5 CONFLICT BETWEEN -- POLITICALLY BETWEEN DORNAN AND THE SMITH
- 6 AMENDMENT SUCH THAT -- I NEED TO FINISH MY
- 7 QUESTION -- MR. KHOA WAS ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THAT CONFLICT
- 8 FROM MR. DORNAN?
- 9 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. BEYOND THE SCOPE OF DIRECT.
- 10 THE COURT: OVERRULED.
- 11 THE WITNESS: I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTAND YOUR
- 12 QUESTION, WHO WAS ON WHICH SIDE AND WHO IS ON THE OPPOSITION.
- 13 BY MR. HART:
- 14 Q DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THAT CONGRESSMAN DORNAN WAS
- 15 VERY CONCERNED BECAUSE MR. KHOA WAS OPPOSING THE ANTI-CPA
- 16 AMENDMENT AUTHORED BY CONGRESSMAN SMITH?
- 17 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. RELEVANCE. 352. BEYOND THE
- 18 SCOPE.
- 19 THE COURT: OVERRULED.
- THE WITNESS: THAT'S CORRECT.
- 21 BY MR. HART:
- 22 Q AND MR. DORNAN WAS VERY STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE
- 23 REFUGEES AS WELL. YOU TOLD ME THAT; RIGHT?
- A THAT'S CORRECT.
- 25 Q ALL RIGHT. AND SO ALL OF THIS MATERIAL THAT
- 26 DORNAN'S OFFICE HAD ACQUIRED FROM WHATEVER SOURCE, THEY MADE



- 1 AVAILABLE TO YOU; DIDN'T THEY?
- 2 A SOME.
- MR. VOSS: CALLS FOR SPECULATION.
- 4 THE WITNESS: NOT ALL.
- 5 THE COURT: WAIT. WAIT.
- 6 OVERRULED.
- 7 THE WITNESS: CAN I CONTINUE TO ANSWER?
- 8 THE COURT: YES, YOU MAY.
- 9 BY MR. HART:
- 10 Q IF YOU HAVE MORE TO SAY, YOU MAY.
- 11 A THE QUESTION, AS I UNDERSTOOD IT, YOU MENTIONED
- 12 "ALL." NO, SOME MATERIALS HERE AND THERE; NOT ALL THE
- 13 MATERIALS.
- 14 Q YOU WERE CALLED INTO DR. SANTOLI'S OFFICE;
- 15 CORRECT?
- A CORRECT.
- 17 Q AND THE PURPOSE OF THAT MEETING WAS TO DISCUSS
- 18 MATERIAL ABOUT S.E.A.R.A.C.?
- 19 A NO.
- 20 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. MISCHARACTERIZES THE WITNESS'
- 21 TESTIMONY.
- 22 THE COURT: OVERRULED. HE ALREADY RESPONDED.
- 23 MR. HART: I'D LIKE TO READ FROM THE WITNESS'
- 24 DEPOSITION AT PAGE 92, LINE 22, TO PAGE 94, LINE 2.
- THE WITNESS: MAY I HAVE A COPY?
- 26 THE COURT: PAGE 92, LINE 22, TO PAGE 94, LINE 2?



- 1 MR. HART: YES, JUDGE.
- THE COURT: GIVE MR. VOSS A MOMENT TO READ IT, AND
- 3 GIVE ME A MOMENT TO FIND IT.
- 4 MR. HART: ACTUALLY, FOR CONTEXT, JUDGE, I SHOULD
- 5 START AT LINE 18.
- 6 THE COURT: SO PAGE 92, LINE 18, TO PAGE 94, LINE 2.
- 7 MR. HART: CORRECT.
- 8 MR. VOSS: NO OBJECTION, YOUR HONOR.
- 9 THE COURT: THEN YOU MAY READ THOSE IDENTIFIED LINES.
- 10 MR. HART: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR. (AS READ:)
- 11 "QUESTION: DID YOU EVER MEET
- 12 CONGRESSMAN DORNAN?
- "ANSWER: YES.
- 14 "QUESTION: DID YOU SPEAK TO HIM?
- "ANSWER: YES.
- 16 "QUESTION: AND DID YOU SPEAK TO HIM
- 17 PRIOR TO APRIL OF 1996 ABOUT THE ISSUES
- THAT WE SEE IN THESE TWO LETTERS?
- 19 "ANSWER: HIS STAFF, DR. ALBERT
- 20 SANTOLI, KNOW ME WELL, AND HE ASKED ME TO
- 21 VISIT DORNAN'S OFFICE ONE DAY. AND HE
- 22 SHOWED ME THE STACK OF PROPOSALS DELIVERED
- 23 BY THE OFFICE OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT TO
- 24 DORNAN'S OFFICE IN RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST
- 25 HERE.
- 26 AND THEN HE PULL OUT UNDERNEATH, AT





- 1 WITH ME SAY, 'HERE IS WHAT WE HAVE. YOU
- 2 WANT A COPY?'
- "I SAID, 'NO, MAYBE JUST THE C.V.'"
- 4 (DONE READING.)
- 5 BY MR. HART:
- Q DR. THANG, ISN'T THIS WHOLE
- 7 S.E.A.R.A.C. CAMPAIGN ESSENTIALLY POLITICALLY MOTIVATED
- 8 BECAUSE PROFESSOR KHOA DIDN'T SUPPORT SOME PART OF CONGRESSMAN
- 9 SMITH'S LEGISLATION?
- 10 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. ARGUMENTATIVE AND RELEVANCE.
- 11 THE COURT: OVERRULED.
- 12 THE WITNESS: I'M NOT IN THE POSITION TO ANSWER ON
- 13 BEHALF OF CONGRESSMAN DORNAN, BUT WHAT I TOLD YOU IS EXACTLY
- 14 WHAT HAPPENED. I CAME IN TO TALK ABOUT HOW TO SAVE TENS OF
- 15 THOUSANDS OF BOAT PEOPLE FROM BEING FORCIBLY REPATRIATED WITH
- 16 THE ACQUIESCENCE OF OUR OWN DEPARTMENT OF STATE.
- 17 AND ON THE SIDELINE, DR. SANTOLI MENTION TO ME
- 18 ABOUT THE ONGOING INVESTIGATION, GIVE ME SOME UPDATE AND ASK
- 19 ME, "YOU WANT THIS?"
- 20 I SAID, "NO. JUST A COPY OF THE C.V. THAT
- 21 SHOULD BE ENOUGH."
- 22 BY MR. HART:
- 23 O HOW DID YOU GET A COPY OF THE TWO DORNAN
- 24 LETTERS THAT WENT TO THE OFFICE OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT?
- 25 A I THINK -- I THINK --
- 26 Q THOSE WERE NOT COPIED TO YOU; WERE THEY?



- 1 A I THINK, YEAH, THEY ARE THE COPIES THAT HE GAVE
- 2 TO ME PROBABLY AT HIS HOME OFFICE.
- 3 O WHO GAVE THESE LETTERS TO YOU?
- 4 A DR. SANTOLI.
- 5 Q AT HIS HOME OFFICE IN VIRGINIA?
- A YES.
- 7 Q SO EVEN THOUGH YOUR NAME DOESN'T APPEAR
- 8 ANYWHERE ON THESE LETTERS, DR. SANTOLI GAVE YOU COPIES OF
- 9 THESE?
- 10 A CORRECT.
- 11 Q AND WHAT DID YOU DO WITH THEM?
- 12 A NOTHING. HE ACTUALLY GAVE COPIES OF THOSE TO A
- 13 LOT OF PEOPLE THAT HE KNEW, NOT JUST ME, IN THE COMMUNITY.
- 14 Q OKAY. COPIES OF THESE LETTERS NOT SO QUIETLY
- 15 DISPARAGING S.E.A.R.A.C. AND MR. KHOA?
- 16 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. ARGUMENTATIVE.
- 17 THE COURT: WAIT. NOW.
- 18 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. THE FORM OF THE QUESTION IS
- 19 ARGUMENTATIVE.
- THE COURT: SUSTAINED.
- 21 BY MR. HART:
- 22 Q DR. THANG, TAKE A LOOK AT THE APRIL 3, 1996
- 23 LETTER. IT'S EXHIBIT 34.
- 24 IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH, IT SAYS: "BEGINNING IN
- 25 JANUARY OF 1996, I RECEIVED AN OVERWHELMING NUMBER OF
- 26 TELEPHONE CALLS AND LETTERS FROM RESPECTED VIETNAMESE-AMERICAN



- 1 LEADERS IN MY DISTRICT."
- 2 DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT DISTRICT TO BE ORANGE
- 3 COUNTY?
- 4 A YES.
- 5 Q DO YOU KNOW WHO ANY OF THESE PEOPLE ARE?
- A NO.
- 7 Q ISN'T ONE OF THEM YOU?
- 8 A NO. FIRST, I WAS NOT IN ORANGE COUNTY.
- 9 SECONDLY, I WAS NOT VIETNAMESE-AMERICAN LEADER
- 10 OF THE COMMUNITY. I WAS STILL WORKING AS A YOUNG PH.D. IN A
- 11 RESEARCH LAB.
- 12 Q BUT AFTER JANUARY OF 1996, YOU SENT THIS SEVEN-
- 13 OR EIGHT-PAGE LETTER COPIED TO CONGRESSMAN DORNAN; DIDN'T YOU?
- 14 A AS EXPLAINED, IT WAS DRAFTED BY OUR LATE BOARD
- 15 CHAIR. I WAS NOT ATTUNE TO ANY OF THE ISSUES OF THE
- 16 COMMUNITY. AND THAT'S NOT HOW I WROTE MY ENGLISH.
- 17 Q WOULD YOU AGREE THAT THIS EXHIBIT 18, YOUR
- 18 MARCH 10, 1996 LETTER, HAS SEVERAL CRITICISMS OF
- 19 S.E.A.R.A.C. AND MR. KHOA?
- 20 A THAT'S CORRECT.
- 21 MR. VOSS: OBJECTION. BEYOND THE SCOPE OF DIRECT.
- 22 THE COURT: WHY DON'T WE DO THIS, THERE'S A COUPLE
- 23 OUESTIONS I HAVE. SO WE'RE NEAR THE END OF THE DAY ANYWAY.
- 24 SO, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE'RE GOING TO GO
- 25 AHEAD AND WE WILL PAUSE. WE'RE ACTUALLY MAKING QUITE GOOD
- 26 PROGRESS AT THIS POINT.



- 1 SO I WILL REMIND YOU OF THE ADMONITION THAT IT
- 2 IS YOUR DUTY NOT TO CONDUCT, RESEARCH, DISSEMINATE INFORMATION
- 3 OR CONVERSE WITH OR PERMIT YOURSELVES TO BE ADDRESSED BY ANY
- 4 OTHER PERSON ON ANY SUBJECT OF TRIAL; THAT IS YOUR DUTY NOT TO
- 5 FORM OR EXPRESS AN OPINION THEREON UNTIL THE CASE IS FINALLY
- 6 SUBMITTED TO YOU.
- THE PROHIBITION ON RESEARCH, DISSEMINATION OF
- 8 INFORMATION AND CONVERSATION APPLIES TO ALL FORMS OF
- 9 ELECTRONIC AND WIRELESS COMMUNICATION.
- 10 WITH THAT, WE WILL SEE EVERYBODY TOMORROW FOR
- 11 OUR LAST DAY THIS WEEK, 9:00 A.M. THANK YOU AGAIN VERY, VERY
- 12 KINDLY FOR ALL OF YOUR TIME THAT YOU'RE PROVIDING TO US.
- 13 (JURY EXCUSED FOR THE EVENING.)
- 14 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD IN OPEN COURT OUTSIDE THE
- 15 PRESENCE OF THE JURY:)
- 16 THE COURT: SO A COUPLE OF THINGS. IN TERMS OF THE
- 17 CROSS WE HAD, THE DORNAN LETTERS ARE -- HAVE BEEN TESTIFIED TO
- 18 DURING DIRECT AS TO -- AS THE BASIS OR A SIGNIFICANT PORTION
- 19 OF THE BASIS FOR THE STATEMENT THAT UNDERLIES IT.
- 20 AND SO I AM GOING TO ALLOW SOME PROBING INTO
- 21 THE VALIDITY OR CLAIM OF INVOLVEMENT IN PROMPTING THOSE
- 22 LETTERS. SO IN THAT CONTEXT, IN THAT CONTEXT ALONE, I WILL
- 23 ALLOW SOME DISCUSSION OF 18.
- 24 BUT IN TERMS OF GOING INTO OTHER MATTERS, THEN
- 25 I WILL DRAW THE LINE THERE TO JUST RANDOMLY GO INTO 18.
- MR. VOSS: UNDERSTOOD, YOUR HONOR.



- 1 THE COURT: I NEED TO ASK MR. HART ABOUT INSTRUCTIONS
- 2 AND VERDICT FORM BECAUSE IT SOUNDS LIKE WE'RE GETTING PRETTY
- 3 DARN CLOSE TO THOSE.
- 4 MR. HART: I HAVE A COUPLE OF VERDICT FORMS.
- 5 THE COURT: I NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT MR. VOSS -- I'M
- 6 NOT SAYING RIGHT NOW, THAT WHATEVER THE COURT GETS, MR. VOSS
- 7 GETS. AND THEN SO, I'M NOT IN A POSITION TO ARGUE THEM RIGHT
- 8 NOW, BUT WE NEED TO ALL START TO LOOK AT THIS TO FINALIZE IT.
- 9 MR. VOSS: YOUR HONOR, CAN WE REQUEST THAT WE GET
- 10 THEM TODAY?
- 11 THE COURT: I THINK HE HAS SOME THAT WE'RE GOING TO
- 12 ALL GET RIGHT NOW.
- 13 MR. VOSS: WE GAVE THEM OURS YESTERDAY.
- 14 THE COURT: I UNDERSTAND. THAT'S WHERE I'M GOING
- 15 WITH THIS, MR. VOSS.
- 16 MR. HART: I ALSO HAVE A PARTIAL BRIEF ON THE
- 17 PUBLIC-FIGURE ISSUE.
- 18 THE COURT: LET ME HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE, AND MAKE SURE
- 19 WE ALL GET COPIES. AND THEN WE'LL GO ON, HOW WE'LL ADDRESS
- 20 THOSE, STEP NUMBER 2.
- 21 MR. HART: THERE'S MY 1700.
- 22 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. SO DISTRIBUTE, AND THEN I
- 23 WILL PUT ON THE RECORD.
- 24 MR. HART: I'D LIKE TO PUT A LITTLE MORE WORK INTO
- 25 THIS BRIEF. I HAVE A PARTIAL READY, IF THE COURT WOULD LIKE
- 26 IT NOW.



- 1 THE COURT: WELL, WE HAVE A VERDICT FORM AND AN
- 2 INSTRUCTION.
- 3 MR. HART: TWO VERDICT FORMS. ONE IS THE 1700, WHICH
- 4 THE COURT HAS INDICATED HE'S LEANING TOWARDS, AND THE OTHER IS
- 5 1704, WHICH PLAINTIFF THINKS IS THE APPROPRIATE VERDICT.
- 6 THE COURT: OKAY. AND YOU'VE GIVEN COPIES OF THOSE
- 7 TO --
- 8 MR. HART: YES.
- 9 THE COURT: LET ME SEE THOSE FIRST. SO THESE, YOU
- 10 SAY, ARE BASED ON -- GIVE ME THE CACI --
- 11 MR. HART: THEY'RE STRAIGHT OUT OF CACI AND THEY ARE
- 12 IDENTIFIED --
- 13 THE COURT: DOWN AT THE BOTTOM. OKAY. I SEE THAT
- 14 NOW. SO THIS IS VERDICT FORM 1700 AND 1704, IS WHAT HAS BEEN
- 15 PROVIDED BY PLAINTIFF?
- 16 AND THAT'S WHAT YOU HAVE AS WELL, MR. VOSS,
- 17 FROM PLAINTIFF?
- 18 MR. VOSS: YES, I HAVE TWO VERDICT FORMS HERE. I
- 19 DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY SAY. I ASSUME THAT'S A CORRECT
- 20 REPRESENTATION.
- 21 THE COURT: WE'RE LOOKING AT THE BOTTOM LEFT-HAND
- 22 CORNER, IS WHERE THERE --
- MR. VOSS: YES. AND, OF COURSE, YOUR HONOR, WE
- 24 DISCUSSED THE APPROPRIATE CACI INSTRUCTIONS LAST WEEK -- OR I
- 25 DON'T REMEMBER WHEN IT WAS AT THIS POINT -- AND LISTENED TO
- 26 THE COURT'S THOUGHTS WITH RESPECT TO 1700, 1704, AND THAT'S



- 1 WHY WE SUBMITTED YOU A NEW 1700.
- THE COURT: I UNDERSTAND. LET ME DO THIS BEFORE WE
- 3 GO FURTHER ON THIS BRIEF. WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE
- 4 TIMING-WISE IN TERMS OF YOUR CROSS-EXAMINATION?
- 5 MR. HART: 30 MINUTES.
- 6 THE COURT: 30 MINUTES OR SO OF THAT.
- 7 MR. HART: MAYBE 40.
- 8 THE COURT: LET'S JUST SAY 45. IN AN ABUNDANCE OF
- 9 CAUTION, WE'LL SAY 45 MINUTES OF CROSS.
- 10 SO ANOTHER 15, 20 MINUTES, PROBABLY, OR MORE.
- 11 I ASSUME IT'S LESS THAN 45, BUT THERE IS
- 12 DEFINITELY 15 OR 20 MINUTES OF REDIRECT?
- 13 MR. VOSS: WHAT I COULD REPRESENT, BASED ON HOW
- 14 THINGS HAVE GONE, YES. HOWEVER, WHAT I WOULD REPRESENT TO THE
- 15 COURT IS THAT, AT THE PRESENT TIME, I DO NOT HAVE A SINGLE
- 16 ADDITIONAL QUESTION OF MY WITNESS. IF SOMETHING COMES UP
- 17 TOMORROW, BUT RIGHT NOW WE HAVE ZERO.
- 18 THE COURT: I'M TRYING TO GAGE. SO HE'S GOT
- 19 45 MINUTES. IN AN ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION, LET'S JUST SAY 15 TO
- 20 20. SO WE'VE GOT AN HOUR-ISH WITH DEFENDANT.
- 21 AND THEN THAT WOULD BE THE END OF THE EVIDENCE
- 22 FOR ALL PARTIES; CORRECT?
- MR. HART: I THINK SO.
- MR. VOSS: CORRECT.
- 25 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. SO WHAT THAT, THEN, MEANS IS
- 26 THAT, HOPEFULLY, THEY'LL BE HAPPY AND NOT IN A LYNCHING MOOD



- 1 IF WE TELL THE JURORS THAT WE ARE EXCUSING THEM FOR THE DAY,
- 2 BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS TO GET THIS
- 3 FINALIZED BEFORE WE CAN GET TO INSTRUCTIONS AND CLOSINGS. SC
- 4 WE ARE NOT PRESENTLY IN A POSITION TO BE INSTRUCTING THE
- 5 JURORS, BECAUSE WE NEED TO HAVE THAT FINALIZATION.
- 6 MR. HART: THAT WAS OUR ASSESSMENT AS WELL.
- 7 MR. VOSS: YES, WE AGREE.
- 8 THE COURT: AND GIVEN WHERE WE ARE AT ON OUR TIME
- 9 ESTIMATE, I HAVE TWO POSSIBILITIES: BRING THEM BACK IN THE
- 10 AFTERNOON, OR BRING THEM BACK ON TUESDAY.
- 11 I THINK WHAT I WOULD PROBABLY DO IS BRING THEM
- 12 BACK ON TUESDAY. AND THEN I WOULD, FOR ALL OF YOU, PLAN ON
- 13 BEING HERE ALL DAY TOMORROW SO THAT WE -- I'M GOING TO, A,
- 14 NEED SOME TIME TO LOOK AT THESE ONCE WE GOT TO THE CLOSE OF
- 15 THE EVIDENCE, AND THEN WE'LL NEED TIME TO DISCUSS AND FINALIZE
- 16 THEM AS WELL. AND IT WILL BE NICE IF WE COULD GET THAT DONE
- 17 TOMORROW, BY THE END OF THE DAY TOMORROW. OR MAYBE IF THERE'S
- 18 SOME HOMEWORK IN TERMS OF FINALIZING OR CLEANING UP THINGS,
- 19 THAT'S ANOTHER STORY. SO THAT WE COULD THEN HIT THE GROUND ON
- 20 TUESDAY MORNING WITH INSTRUCTIONS AND CLOSINGS AND THEN
- 21 DELIBERATIONS.
- 22 THERE MAY BE, DEPENDING ON WHERE WE END UP
- 23 TOMORROW, A NEED ON MONDAY TO COME AND DO ANY -- IF THERE'S
- 24 ADDITIONAL WORK ON THESE, THAT WOULD BE -- I'M NOT
- 25 SAYING -- THAT'S THE FALLBACK. THAT'S IN CASE THERE
- 26 IS -- BECAUSE WE ARE GOING TO, FIRST THING ON TUESDAY THEN,



- 1 INSTRUCT AND CLOSE.
- 2 SO TO THE EXTENT WE CANNOT GET THINGS COMPLETED
- 3 BY THE END OF THE DAY TOMORROW, THEN WE WOULD NEED MONDAY
- 4 MORNING. THAT WOULD LIKELY BE THE TIME THAT WE HAVE TO DO
- 5 THAT.
- 6 SO, AGAIN, I'M HOPEFUL THAT IT'S NOT NECESSARY
- 7 AT ALL, BUT THAT IS OUR FALL-BACK CHUNK OF TIME IN ORDER TO DO
- 8 ANY ADDITIONAL WORK, IF THERE IS, THAT WE DON'T HAVE COMPLETED
- 9 TOMORROW. BECAUSE FRIDAY -- I HAVE A NUMBER OF HEARINGS ALL
- 10 DAY ON FRIDAY, SO THERE'S NOT TIME ON FRIDAY TO DO IT. BUT IT
- 11 WOULD BE -- AND I HAVE LAW AND MOTION ON MONDAY AFTERNOON, BUT
- 12 MONDAY MORNING WOULD BE -- AGAIN, I'M OPTIMISTIC WE WON'T NEED
- 13 IT, BUT I JUST WANT TO GIVE EVERYBODY THE HEADS-UP NOW, THAT
- 14 THAT WOULD BE WHERE WE WOULD GET ANY ADDITIONAL TIME.
- 15 MR. VOSS: ALL THINGS BEING EOUAL, FIRST OF ALL, I
- 16 WOULD SINCERELY HOPE THAT WE WOULD BE READY TO GO TOMORROW.
- 17 THAT BEING SAID, THERE IS A -- YES, I DO HAVE A
- 18 MORNING HEARING. I MIGHT BE ABLE TO PUNT IT TO AN ASSOCIATE,
- 19 BUT I PREFER TO BE INVOLVED. SO IF WE HAD TO COME BACK,
- 20 PERHAPS WE COULD SAY -- WELL, YOU GOT YOUR NORMAL MOTION
- 21 CALENDAR ON MONDAY ANYWAY.
- 22 THE COURT: AT 2:00. I WAS GOING TO SAY MONDAY
- 23 MORNING. SO IT WOULD NOT BE MONDAY AFTERNOON.
- 24 MR. VOSS: SO, YOU KNOW, IDEALLY SOMETHING LIKE 10:30
- 25 WOULD BE -- I COULD REQUEST PRIORITY.
- 26 THE COURT: AND WE'LL SEE. LIKE I SAID, I'M



- 1 OPTIMISTIC WE WON'T NEED IT, BUT I'M PUTTING THAT OUT THERE,
- 2 PLANTING THE SEED, IN CASE THERE IS THAT NEED.
- 3 SO WITH THAT, THEN, MR. HART, I THINK WE WOULD
- 4 NEED WHAT YOU HAVE BRIEFING-WISE SO THAT THEY HAVE AT LEAST A
- 5 LITTLE BIT OF TIME TO LOOK AT IT.
- AND, UNFORTUNATELY, I HAVE MEETING MOST OF THIS
- 7 EVENING, BUT BETWEEN THE MORNING AND A A DIFFERENT TIME, IT
- 8 GIVES ME A CHANCE TO START GETTING THROUGH THAT AS WELL. SO I
- 9 THINK THAT IS THE BEST, MOST PRODUCTIVE, FAIREST MEANS OF
- 10 PROGRESSING AT THIS TIME.
- 11 MR. HART: OKAY. THAT'S WHAT WE'LL DO, JUDGE.
- 12 MR. VOSS: SO WE CAN EXPECT -- THIS IS THE BRIEF?
- 13 THE COURT: THAT'S HIS BRIEF. AND THEN WE'LL
- 14 ENTERTAIN ARGUMENT FROM ANYBODY. YOU KNOW, WE'LL HAVE THE
- 15 DISCUSSIONS AND EVERYTHING. AND I WILL ABSOLUTELY CONSIDER --
- 16 AND, MR. HART, LET ME ASK YOU TWO QUESTIONS.
- 17 FIRST OF ALL, TO THE DEFENDANTS.
- 18 THE MATTERS THAT YOU SUBMITTED YESTERDAY, THE
- 19 JURY INSTRUCTIONS AND THE VARIOUS VERDICT FORMS, ONE WAS ON
- 20 PLEADING, SAME THING, NOT ON PLEADING, HAS THAT BEEN FILED AT
- 21 ALL OR JUST TURNED IN?
- 22 SO WE'LL NEED TO GET THAT FILED AS WELL SO THAT
- 23 IT'S PART OF THE RECORD. BECAUSE HANDING IT TO ME DOESN'T GET
- 24 IT INTO THE REGISTER OF ACTION. IT DOESN'T BECOME PART OF THE
- 25 RECORD IF THAT'S -- YOU KNOW, BECOMES AN ISSUE FOR APPELLATE
- 26 REASONS OR WHATEVER. SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE A



- 1 COMPLETE RECORD OF WHAT EVERYBODY HAS SUBMITTED.
- 2 SO LIKEWISE, TURNING TO MR. HART, EVERYTHING
- 3 THAT YOU HAVE JUST HANDED TO ALL OF US HERE TODAY NEEDS TO BE
- 4 ELECTRONICALLY FILED AS WELL SO, AGAIN, IT'S PART OF THE
- 5 OFFICIAL RECORD.
- 6 MR. HART: UNDERSTOOD, JUDGE. AND I BELIEVE THE
- 7 BRIEF HAS BEEN FILED, BUT I'LL CHECK ON MY -- IF I CAN GET ON
- 8 THE PHONE IN TIME.
- 9 THE COURT: AND IF NOT, IT CAN BE DONE TONIGHT OR IN
- 10 THE MORNING, BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S IN THE REGISTER
- 11 OF ACTION SO THAT ANYTHING THAT HAS BEEN HANDED IN HERE IS
- 12 PART OF THE OFFICIAL, BECAUSE, AGAIN, WE DON'T -- IN THE
- 13 COURTROOM, WE DON'T REALLY TAKE THE STUFF IN THAT WAY.
- 14 SO IF YOU COULD PUT A CAPTION PAGE ON THE
- 15 INSTRUCTIONS, YOU KNOW, "PROPOSED" OR "UPDATED" OR "AMENDED
- 16 INSTRUCTIONS, " SOMETHING SIMPLE ALONG THOSE LINES, JUST SO
- 17 THAT IT'S -- IT WILL NEED A CAPTION PAGE.
- 18 MR. VOSS: I'M LOOKING TO MY HIGHER SOURCE.
- 19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER IN AUDIENCE: ORIGINALLY, YOU
- 20 HAD ASKED THAT WE DO NOT FILE THE ORIGINAL INSTRUCTION THAT WE
- 21 SUBMITTED AT THE BEGINNING OF TRIAL. SO IF WE'RE
- 22 SUBMITTING --
- 23 THE COURT: I THOUGHT WE DID FILE THOSE.
- 24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER IN AUDIENCE: OKAY. SO JUST THE
- 25 VERDICT FORM?
- 26 THE COURT: WELL, NO, I THOUGHT WE DID FILE -- THEY



- 1 SHOULD BE IN THE FILE SO THAT THEY'RE PART OF THE --
- 2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER IN AUDIENCE: OKAY. WE HAVE NOT
- 3 BECAUSE WE ARE --
- 4 MR. VOSS: WHAT DOES IT SAY, MR. CLERK?
- 5 THE COURT: AND THE REASON FOR FILING THE PROPOSALS
- 6 IS SO THAT, AGAIN, WE HAVE WHAT'S PROPOSED. AND THEN WE WILL
- 7 LATER FILE WHAT IS ACTUALLY READ AND GIVEN. SO WE'LL HAVE --
- 8 ALL THE VARIOUS PROPOSALS NEED TO BE IN THE RECORD.
- 9 AND THEN, LIKE I SAID, WE WILL ALSO LATER FILE
- 10 HERE'S WHAT WAS READ TO THE JURY, THE ACTUAL FINAL VERSION.
- 11 SO THAT TO THE EXTENT THERE BECOMES ANY ISSUE ABOUT THE
- 12 LANGUAGE, WE HAVE THE PROPOSALS, WE HAVE WHAT WAS GIVEN, AND
- 13 THEN THERE'S A COMPLETE RECORD.
- 14 MAKE SURE THAT WE DO HAVE ALL THAT FILED, SO,
- 15 AGAIN, IT IS IN THE REGISTER OF ACTIONS. IN CASE WE HAVE ANY
- 16 APPELLATE ISSUES, WHEN YOU GO TO DESIGNATE, IT NEEDS TO BE IN
- 17 THE REGISTER OF ACTIONS.
- 18 MR. VOSS: WE'RE HAPPY TO COMPLY WITH WHATEVER YOU
- 19 WANT.
- 20 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. THEN WE CAN GO AHEAD AND GO
- 21 OFF THE RECORD. THAT WILL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING.
- 22 (EVENING ADJOURNMENT.)

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